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Another new year, 2010, is upon us and we have many exciting opportunities and decisions to make as we move forward in ministry here at Western heights Baptist Church. As we begin 2010, it will be our privilege to have Reverend Todd Butler and his family to visit with us from January 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Todd and his family will certainly be busy during their time with us. On Tuesday night and Wednesday night Brother Todd will be meeting with our vocal choirs and our hand bell choirs. On Sunday morning he will be leading us as we worship the Lord together. Also, during this time with us Todd will be available for a time of questions and answers with the church body as we seek to determine whether or not he is the individual that the Lord is calling to fill the position of minister of music here at Western Heights Baptist Church. It is my sincere prayer that each and every member of WHBC fast and pray as we seek the Lord together. Please pray for Brother Todd and his family as well as for wisdom for our search committee as they seek to lead us to a recommendation. Also, don't forget to pray for the Butler's this week as they are traveling to VA from Texas. In the book of Acts we are reminded that we are not the first church to attempt to determine God's will. The early church prayed over setting apart missionaries, deacons, and even apostles. Let's make sure that we diligently seek God's will and His purpose for the future of WHBC and the Butler family. I hope and pray that you will not only pray but that you make every effort to attend the meetings, to be informed, and to participate in this historic decision making process. This could be the first time that WHBC hires a full-time minister of music and I hope you will work hard to be a part of this decision. The final recommendation of the committee and the vote as to whether or not to call Reverend Butler will take place at our regularly scheduled Business Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and I look forward to seeing you there.

**“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” Acts 13:2**

**Until He Comes, Jonathan Dundalow**

I Timothy 4:12

## January Birthday List

1	Cindy Dundalow	19	Holli Fischer
3	Travis McDaniel	20	Dakota Blankenship
4	Creed Fallin	21	Dennis Myers
5	Collin Branch		Shannon Seay
	William Gibbs		Wendy Chapman
6	Pamela Williams	22	Scarlett Yates
	Chris Kollman IV		Melanie B. Orton
8	Andy Eubank		Mille Dear
9	Virginia Bishop		Bailey Witt
	Michael Guyette	23	Jacob Mitchell
10	Jon Elsea	24	Keith Schmidt
11	Coleson E. Branch		Marie Smith
	James Howlett		Elsie Eley
12	Jane Stallings		Jean Gibbs
	Brittany Carr		Preston Ramsey
13	Lauryn Marek		Robert Sullivan
	Wayne Ivey	25	Pamela J. Munford
	Joseph Massey	26	Paul Boyce
14	Dr. David Drewry	27	Nicole Cliborne
	Polly Moody		Robert Ingram
	Rachel Rush Wynn	28	Johnny Howard
15	Kim Lane		Gerry Howard
17	Barbara N. Adkins		Vera Mitchell
	Terry Wolfrey, Jr.		Stephanie Lamm
18	Brigette Gomez	29	Emma Berry
	Hanna Lane	30	Barbara McCoy
	Christy Miller		
	Morgan Dundalow		



## February Birthday List

1 Joshua Massey	Will Neddo
2 Danny Mitchell	Sue Freudig
Jimmy Johnson	Bryson Rickman
4 Caleb Morini	15 Alexandra Welch
Lauren Marshall	Wallace Markert
5 Mark Joyce	16 Ann Cunningham
Earl Dalton	Brian Banner
6 Leonard "Lee" Harrison III	Rickey Ingram
Jeff Lovin	17 Carolyn Hogue
Chase Wade	18 Millie Howland
7 Shelby Lail	Justin Banner
Sarah Mitchell	Carolyn Cheek
Mike Nauseef	20 Jarrett Munford
8 Mary Wade	Vicki Campbell
Jimmy Walker	21 Kim Stanek
Sandra Lafoon	22 Timothy Francis
Sandra Drewry	David Williams
Timmy Morini	23 Rachel Newton
9 Danny Kinton	Brittney Mitchell
Timothy Francis Sr.	Ronald Wood
Sandy-Anderson Slade	24 Linda Fischer
10 Cannon Haines	Victor Slade, Jr.
Rebecca Staples	Tina Blair
11 Amanda Jarrell	25 Dustin Jones
Levi Mitchell	26 Brenda Olgers
12 Mike Demaline	27 Patti Mitchell
13 Charles Daulton	28 Matthew Belvin
Dustin Grissom	Jennifer Twombly
Henry Hogue	29 Tony Graham
14 Edith Chasteen	

**These are the 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 older I get, the faster time flies! It seems impossible that 2010 is upon us. It was “only yesterday” that we were talking about what problems the year 2000 would create in the digital world. As we all know, these horror stories failed to occur. As we look forward, gloom, despair and agony are the prediction of many. No matter what happens, if we keep focused on Jesus we will be okay.

One of the ways we can keep our focus is through a vibrant Sunday school. Our dedicated teachers spend hours each week preparing to teach His word. Isn't it a shame to have ONE empty seat during this time of study? This is where each of us comes in. We can all be missionaries by telling people about Christ and BRINGING people to Sunday school. We may not all have the gift of teaching, but all of us can be “recruiters” for our class. Let's make this a priority this year and strive to fill up every seat in every class!

Judi and I wish each of you a Happy and prosperous New Year!

The average attendance for November was 190.

**In His Service,**  
Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

## **Note from the Children's Director**

Happy New Year to you all from the Norris Family!  
Isn't the New Year a wonderful gift from God? A new page to start fresh, to promise to serve for Him, better this year. This last year has been full of firsts and lasts here at WHBC and 2010 will be filled with the same. It makes me think how Great is our God and He knows exactly what we need and he provides us with just that. He gives and takes away at just the best time in order that we may excel. It is our job to be sure that we give Him all the Praise and Glory when we succeed. That is what I would like to make better this year! In every success, I would bend at the knee and give the praise that is His. The new year, 2010, will be a great year in the lives of our children as long as we continue to work together to, “Train a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

There are already events on the calendar that our children will enjoy and will bring them closer to Christ. The first, Fas-Car, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun and exciting event that all are invited to attend. All you have to bring is your favorite Hot Wheels or

Matchbox car! We will have races and the grand prize is a trophy. Also, this is an event that you should feel free to invite your friends. Our area missionary, Kevin Gregory, will be here to give the message following the RACES!

To those who have not signed up for Centri Kid...What? You don't know about the best kids camp ever? Centri Kid is a roaring good time at Eagle Eyrie. The children and adults enjoy wonderful music, fun tracks, great messages from the camp pastor, excellent food, and fellowship. The children are given the opportunity to experience God in a way that will touch them. It is great to see! The total for the week is \$299.00. This includes everything. A \$50.00 deposit is due to Mrs. April no later than January 10<sup>th</sup>! In order that we can hold spots for camp we MUST pay this deposit! Calling all Adults... we have to take a prescribed amount of chaperones; if you are interested in going with us, please see me! Please, if you intend on going with us, this is the final deadline.

I pray that each and every one of you have a blessed New Year.

**His Blessed Servant, April Norris**

Jon has been teaching out of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians on the body of Christ and these are examples of how God works through the body, using each member to do their part in accomplishing His will. I am grateful for the privilege to minister in a congregation with so many members that are willing to serve and to serve with great joy. I want to thank each of you for your loving and faithful service. Well, the Christmas season is here and I am SO EXCITED about celebrating the greatest gift ever, OUR LORD JESUS!! Do you know Him? Are you experiencing His joy in your life? If not, please STOP what you are doing and take some time to reflect on HIS gift. He warns the church in Revelations about leaving their first love. Take time, and if necessary, repent and fall back in love with HIM.

Finally, I am excited about Winterfest. I love the New Year's celebrations because we can take Jesus, the gift of Christmas, and focus on committing ourselves to Him. Please be praying for our youth and their leaders. Pray that we will hear GOD, respond in obedience, that we "may show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" I Peter 2:9.

May God richly bless you and your family throughout the Christmas season and the New Year!

**In His Love,  
Vic Slade, 1 Peter 2:9-10**

## **Notes of Gratitude**

*Dear Faithful Members of Western Heights,*

*Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year, yet you took time to prepare food for the family of Margaret Cabaniss. We had more than enough food and I must add it was almost all homemade! We are blessed to have such caring people. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to make such a difference.*

### **The Benevolent Committee**

*Dear Western Heights Baptist Church Family,*

*Praise the Lord for all of the wonderful things “He” has done. One particular thing comes in mind, “You”. Thank God for creating such an unselfish, committed, servitude flock. To the pastor, George, his wife, Vicki, and all that came out and built such a beautiful ramp for our daughter with such smiles was an ABSOLUTE BLESSING from above. The Mitchell family, Richard, Brian, Patrick, Hanna, Hailey, Jennifer, Alison, Heath, Caitlyn, Vic, Shawn, Seth, Marishka, and all whom may have missed the “Wood Plank” signing. Thank you and we will always remember that November morning when our yard was filled with a group of people that loved “Shanda” enough to make a difference! Thank you and God rain down blessings on your “House”.*

*PS. Sorry we missed the pancakes!*

***Travis, Stephanie & Shanda Nicholas***

*Dear Benevolence Committee,*

*Thank you so much for the delicious meal you prepared for our family and friends. We appreciate all you did in such short time.*

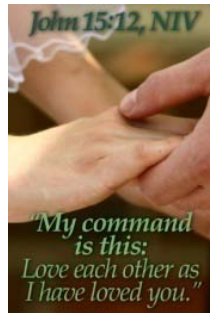
*Enclosed is a check for the Lottie Moon Offering on behalf of the Benevolence Committee in memory of Margaret Cabaniss.*

*Thanks again and may you all have a happy and healthy New Year!*

***Sincerely,  
The Cabaniss Family***

**Events Coming Up at WHBC in  
January & February 2010**

- December 30-Jan 1 Youth @ Winterfest – leave church  
Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM & return Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
around noon
- January 4 Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
- January 7 Ladies Bible Study ends, 10 AM  
& 6:45 PM
- Men's Bible Study ends, 7 PM
- January 10 Brotherhood Breakfast/Guest Speaker,  
8 AM
- New Members' Classes begin,  
9:45 AM
- January 13 Church Family Business Meeting –  
Discuss Prospective Full-time Music  
Director
- January 23 Children's Fas-Car Races, 2-4 PM
- January 29-Feb 2 Pastor's Conference – First Baptist, FL
- February 7 Super Bowl Sunday
- February 26 Children's Movie Night
- February – March Couples Bible Study, 7 PM



## ***Marriage Matters!***

Hello Everyone,

Julie told me it was our turn to write the “Marriage Matters” article for the newsletter. I admit she usually does most of the work, and I throw in some ideas here and there, but, I was feeling a lot of things this week that I thought applied to this time of year.

So, here it comes from my heart to you. As we move into the New Year, take some time to examine your heart. If you are thinking about making changes, what better place to start than within your marriage?

Over the last 10 years, for reasons that are not fully known to me, God has given me several different jobs that require traveling on a regular basis. This has been especially hard on my family and me. There is truth in the old saying: absence makes the heart grow fonder. I sure miss Julie, our kids, and our grandchildren terribly when I am away.

This brings me to my point. Don’t take the people in your life for granted, especially your spouse. They should be your best friend, and the person you want to share everything. View your spouse as a blessing from God. Go back to your dating days to remember all you liked about them. Think about what brought you to the place where you felt you could not live without them? What made you decide you wanted to be with them forever? Remember, it is not a duty or chore to come home to your spouse each night. It is a privilege. Just ask someone who has lost a loved one. You will hear the hurt in their voice and feel the pain in their heart. They would give anything to have just one more day.

Look within yourself if things are not the way you want them. What are you doing different? Don’t focus on your spouse. You cannot change them. You can only change yourself. Take your wife on a date. Dig out the old leather jacket, pop in a piece of Dentyne gum, and go for a ride, just like the old days. Walk the mall, talk and hold hands. Hey! You could even stop by one of the marriage enrichment classes. Show your spouse that you care and see what happens. Sometimes, knowing you care and are trying is all they need.

Give God the glory for what He will do. Ask God to show you what changes need to be made that will truly make you happy, not happiness as the world knows it, but, a happiness that fills your heart with joy and a special love for your spouse and family that only comes from God.

**Just My Thoughts - Mark Tilley**

**The Brotherhood Breakfast is**  
**Scheduled for Sunday,**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 AM**

*The Men's Brotherhood will serve breakfast Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 AM. All men are invited.*

*We will have a guest speaker, Gary McReynolds, from the Reach Out Center of Petersburg; a ministry impacting Central Virginia and the Tri-Cities Area.*

*Sign-up sheets will be located on the Brotherhood bulletin board next to the Fellowship Hall.*

*If there are questions about the breakfast, please see Richard McCoy. Thank you.*

**Church Family Business Meeting, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please mark your calendar for the Business Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. During this meeting, we will discuss the prospective full-time music minister position.



## **New Members Classes Start January 10<sup>th</sup>**

There will be New Members' Classes starting January 10<sup>th</sup> and ending on January 31<sup>st</sup> with baptism of the new perspective members desiring baptism that Sunday morning. Our Pastor, Jonathan Dundalow, will conduct the New Members' Classes each Sunday morning at 9:45 AM.

As of December 29<sup>th</sup> we have had nine new people requesting membership to WHBC. They are: Jordan Brown, Heather Summers, Rebecca Price, Jennifer, Harry & Berkley Simmons, Betty Edgerton and Mike & Megan Demaline.

Welcome new members!

## **New Births**

Congratulations to Blake & Danielle Schmidt Montgomery on the birth of their daughter, Layla Ann Marie Montgomery, born on December 11<sup>th</sup>, weighing 7 lbs, 14 ounces, and 20 inches long. Layla Ann is the granddaughter of Steve & Judy Schmidt, and great granddaughter of Donald & Francine Schmidt.

Congratulations to Allison and Brian Conyers on the birth of their new daughter, Kathryn Harding Conyers, born Christmas Day, weighing 7 lbs, 9 ounces and 22 inches long. "Katie" is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Patricia Johnson and Carol Conyers, and the great granddaughter of Blanche Powell and Irene Johnson.

### **January 2010 Children's Church Schedule**

January 3	Kristie Belvin, Jennifer Lail & April Norris
January 10	Rickey Ingram, Nathan Kissner & April Norris
January 17	Lisa & Ray Witt, Sarah Slade
January 24	Rob & Becky Thomas, April Norris
January 31	Megan Brockwell & Pam Munford

#### **Three Desire Baptism at WHBC During the Month of January 2010**

*Three people profess their faith in Jesus Christ and desire baptism at WHBC on January 31<sup>st</sup>:*

*They are: Rebecca Price (rededicating her life to Christ and baptism), Mike & Megan Demaline (baptism). Please pray for these three individuals professing Jesus Christ as their Savior and requesting baptism.*

### ***World Changers – 2010 June 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Durham NC***

The youth and adults will be going to World Changers June 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> to Durham, North Carolina. The first deposit of \$60.00 was due December 1, 2009, the second deposit of \$60.00 is due by March 1, 2010, and the balance of \$129.00 by May 1, 2010.

Sign-up sheets for World Changers 2010 have been posted and those that are interested (youth and adults) please sign up on the sheets. If you have questions about the World Changers trip, please see the youth director or a youth committee member. Thank you.

## January 2010 Nursery Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
Sun. Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3 Yr Olds FLOATER	Ronnie & Becky Pierce & Debra Thomas (floater)
Sun. Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Combined	Trisha & Holly Johnson
Wed. Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Judi Tucker & Barbara Blankenship
Sun. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Charles & Faye Veazey
	Toddlers	Ray & Lisa Witt
	3 Year Olds FLOATER	Tim & Jamie Morini & Aby Staples (Floater)
Sun. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> Evening Service	Combined	Judy Branch & Linda Cothron
Wed. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Jennifer Lail & April Wood
Sun. 17 <sup>rd</sup>	Birth	Alan & Liz Marshall
	Toddlers	P.J. & Elizabeth Branch
	3 Yr. Olds FLOATER	Jack & Betty Mayes & Rachel Mitchell (floater)
Sun. Jan. 17 <sup>rd</sup> Evening Service	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn
Wed Jan. 20 <sup>rd</sup>	Combined	Barbara McCoy & Tina Blair
Sun. Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Birth	Joey & Dotti Adams
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr Olds FLOATER	Richard & Barbara McCoy, Judy Pierce (floater)
Sun. Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> Evening Service	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Combined	Liz Marshall & Kristie Belvin
Sun. Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Birth	Heather Schmidt & JoAnna Dundalow
	Toddlers	Jeff & Jennifer Lail
	3 yrs. Olds	Michael & April Price & Priscilla Gibbs (floater)
Sun. Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> Evening Service	Combined	Rachel Wynn & Kristie Belvin

## **Note from the Youth Director**

God has graciously blessed us with a number of ministry opportunities over the past two months. Our youth worked with the Campbell's and many others in our church to build a handicapped ramp for a young lady in our community. We had a great time and it was truly a blessing to that family. A big thanks to everyone that helped in this ministry.

Our youth delivered about 125 fruit baskets to our widows, shut-ins and the nursing homes. We had a great turn-out for this ministry, including some of our football players and coaching staff from the Dinwiddie Generals. Thanks to all of you for the hard work and excellent support you provided for this ministry.

Our toy drive was a huge success! We worked with the FCA to minister to numerous families in our community. We collected five huge bags of toys and delivered those to our FCA partners, who distributed them to 20 families with special needs children. Then on Wednesday, I opened my office door and there were three huge bags and two boxes containing hundreds of toys. Once again, we contacted our FCA partners and they found homes for the toys through their contacts in social services and the schools.

We had our annual lock-in at the Petersburg YMCA and we had more than 70 youth from three churches turn out for this event. The night was a huge success, and while no one got saved that night, I am confident that many were strengthened and encouraged. In addition, seeds were planted and I am confident that our Father will provide the increase.

**“Happy New Year – 2010”**

**May God richly bless you with  
good health, happiness, peace,  
contentment & a closer walk  
with Him.**