

# The Witness

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### *Pastor's Study*

Sometimes the easiest thing to do in life is to understand what God's word wants you to do. However, it is often much harder to do it. The Bible tells us that we should "love our neighbors as ourselves". This statement in and of itself is easy to understand. It certainly means that we should love our neighbors in such a way that we don't want any harm to come to them. It means that as Christians we should have a desire to see others grow and prosper in life. It means that we should have a heartfelt desire to help them even it requires a great sacrifice. Above all, we should have a God-given conviction to share the gospel with the lost of this world. When God commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves He didn't specify which neighbors. He didn't just include those that we like, but rather He includes those that aren't quite as loveable. God wants us to love people in spite of who they are and what they have done. The interesting thing about this love is that it isn't our definition of love. So many times we may say that we love our neighbor. However, when they really need us we may only help them based on what we think they deserve rather than what God says they deserve. God says to love them as we love ourselves, and honestly I don't think we can ever say that we truly love our neighbors this much. Even though we have not attained God's standard, it is still His standard that we should strive for. So I am sure by this time you are asking yourself why is the pastor writing this article? Well, it is because I am hoping that God's standard for love will have an impact on your giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for North American Missions. If we truly love our neighbors, we will give, and give sacrificially according to God's standard of love. If we love them according to God's standard, then there is nothing greater we can give them than a better chance to hear the gospel. So I hope that this year we will show in our giving how much we love our neighbors, **"and the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Matt 22:39.**

Until He Comes,

Jonathan Dundalow I Tim 4:12

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### 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		

### 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

**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!**

## Upcoming Events

### From the WHBC Sunday School Director

We, as Christians, will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on April 8th! This will be the perfect time to invite those people for whom we are concerned about their salvation. All during the month, the emphasis will be on the events leading up to the resurrection. Could there be a more exciting time than this to become active in Sunday School? Please be in prayer for those you are concerned about and invite them to attend Sunday School with you!

Please mark your calendar as plans are being made for “Friend Day” on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This is always a big day in the life of our church and together we can again make it a success. Please start praying NOW about whom the Lord will lead you to ask to be your guest that day. Please keep in mind the purpose of “Friend Day” is to introduce someone to Jesus Christ and get them to attend Sunday School regularly!

I’ve heard nothing but good things about the “Marriage Tune-Up” Class Brack and Laura led during the month of February! Thanks again for a job well done and for being willing to go where the Lord leads!

***The average attendance for January was 230! Praise the Lord for this!***

In His service,  
Robert Tucker

### **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	Aby Staples & Heather Schmidt

		Helper	
	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 & Amander 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

### **April 2007 Children’s Church**

April 1	Richard & Kim Lane
April 8	<b>NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH</b>
April 15	Rob & Becky Thomas
April 22	Karla Baird & Jean Carter
April 29	Holly Johnson & Amander Spencer