

The Witness
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One of my favorite passages of scripture is John 2:19. In this passage, Jesus tells those in the temple “Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up”. The Jewish leaders there in the temple followed up his comment with the statement that it took them 46 years to build the temple and questioned His ability to raise it up in three days. Of course, you and I know that Jesus was not talking about His ability to construct the literal temple, rather it was a reference to His own body and the death that he would surely face. During this Easter season, I think that it is important for us to remember that Christ did exactly what He promised to do. They destroyed His body and He died a horrible death on the cross for both you and I. However, we also know that death could not hold Him. We know that after three days he arose and conquered death and rebuilt the temple that man had destroyed. With this victory, He set all of us free to experience victory in our lives as well. I guarantee you that as you’re reading this you can think of at least one person that has had their “temple” destroyed by the things of this world. Maybe they have even made terrible decisions that have brought death to their own lives. However, God is gracious and abounds in mercy and is abundantly able to raise them up from the death that they are experiencing in this world. There are people all around us that think they have no hope. They can’t see any solutions to the problems and situations that they are facing and they believe there is no way out. I believe that it is our job to remind them that there is nothing that is impossible with God. He can rebuild their broken lives if they will simply surrender to God. He conquered death and the grave so that they may have life and life more abundantly. It is my prayer that this Easter season we would focus on seeing the “temples” of our families, our church, and our community rebuilt by the master craftsman.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

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

Sunday School Notes



What a friend we have in Jesus! How often do we stop and think about Jesus being our friend? Do you recall who was responsible for you meeting Him? Have you ever “introduced” a friend to Jesus? Have you really developed a relationship with Him?

We will all have a chance to introduce a friend to Jesus on April 20th! This will be our chance to bring a friend or family member to Bible Study and introduce that person to our Savior! Please start praying now about whom the Holy Spirit would have you invite on this special “FRIEND DAY”. Feel free to invite as many people as you feel led to invite.

After the worship service, everyone is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall and on the grounds. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We will just need to know how many to prepare for. Please sign up for you and all of your guests. As we get closer to the date, signup sheets will be in the classrooms, as well as on the bulletin boards.

The Lord continues to bless us! We averaged 220 for the month of January! Continue to pray for our ‘Project Committee’ and your Sunday school leadership as we work together to resolve our space concerns. Please pray that His will, and not ours, will be done!

In His Service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

March Birthday List

1	Jim Lafoon	22	Debbie Zimmerman
	Michael Clemens		Edward Slade
	Joseph Wray	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	Paul Chapman
12	Ann Holderfield		Virginia Price
	Ethel Selden		Marland Cook, Jr.

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| 13 | Mike Joyce | 28 | Kimberly Green |
| 14 | Henry Beals, Jr.
Leslie Bostic | | Walter Witt, III |
| 15 | Donnie Bostic
John Miller
Patricia Pletcher
Justin Storey | 29 | Betty Mayes
Crystal Arrington |
| 18 | Emily Wenzel | 30 | Michael Hayes
Shannon Pannill
Amanda Spencer |
| 20 | Renee Allred
Pamela Cunningham | 31 | Gregory Guyette
Holly Johnson
Rita Louk |
| 21 | Elizabeth Marshall
Preston Westmoreland
April Wood | | |



April Birthday List

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| 1 | Michelle R. Stech | 18 | Michael Via |
| 3 | Ruth Lewis
Jessica Neddo | 20 | Jennifer Baird Key
Rosa Whirley
Dan Martin |
| 4 | James Underhill
Linda Lewis | 21 | Patricia Hayes |
| 5 | Howard Brandon
Hope Lane
April Norris | 22 | Gilbert Marek
Patricia Johnson
Shelly Danels
Kristin Adkins
Marie Price |
| 6 | James "Matt" Via
Danny Vaughn | 23 | Brooke Mitchell
Otis Hill, Jr.
Justin Brown |
| 7 | Richard McCoy | 24 | Kenneth Silvey
Gloria Staples |
| 8 | Jesse Wray
Kevin Ivey
Hailey Lane
J.D. Steele | 26 | Heather Martin
Philip Siegle |
| 9 | Mike Beals | 27 | Lauren Boyd
Daniel Lipford
Gerald J. Berry
Julie Ann Massey
Bette Dalton |
| 10 | Rebecca Thomas | | |
| 12 | Elbert Townsend, Jr. | | |
| 13 | Paul Holley Jr.
Sharon Wynn
Jennifer Hasty
Camille Fischer | | |

14	Meredith Ligon	28	Haley Ramsey
15	April Cothron Price	29	Mike Freeman
16	Vicki Parham Evans	30	Rachel Mitchell
17	Sherry Breeden		Seth Seay

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!

Youth & College/Career Notes

Psalm 21:5 states: “His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.”

We are great because of His glory through salvation; therefore, we are blessed because of what He gives us. Don't rely on false glory or joy of this world, but rely on the joy that comes from salvation through Jesus Christ. You are great and wonderful because of whom your Heavenly Father is. Enjoy the splendor and majesty that He gives you compared to the junk the world offers you. May you be amazed this month of how great you are because of the love which has been poured upon you by the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The Lord is continually doing great things within the Youth and College/Career Ministries. Be praying for opportunities to invite friends and family members to different events throughout this year at WHBC. On Sunday nights we are learning to step out of the boat as On Wednesday nights we are learning about “Who Christ is?” so that we can share our faith as we witness to family, friends, or strangers. These truths will help us with our walk/faith with Christ so that we will be better prepared to share with others. Please join us on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.

Youth Events Coming Up

--March 2nd : A \$50.00 deposit is due for SBCV Studentz Camp.

--March 3rd: Girl's Bible Study at 6:30 PM at the church. The new study will be focusing on Ruth and Esther. See Christine!!

--March 12th: WHFM 2:42 will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. We will need help from the youth. See Chris for more details.

--March 24th –28th: World Changers Pre-Project will occur this week. Details are coming soon!!

College/Career Events Coming Up

--Join us every Thursday night for a Bible study. The study for the spring semester will consist of reading through a great book called "Humility" by C. J. Mahaney. Prayer time begins at 6:30 PM and the study begins at 7:00 PM in the Center for Student Affairs at RBC. See Chris for more information!!

--March 11th: College/Career Meeting (6:30 PM) at Kollman's.

--March 22nd: "Fellowship Night" in Fellowship Hall of WHBC. We will provide pizza and drinks if you provide other snacks. Also, please bring board games or any other games for this night. We will begin at 6:30 PM. Please sign up in Sunday School Classrooms!! Great time to Learn, Invite, Fellowship, and Teach!!

For His Glory, Chris Kollman, Jeremiah 29:11



Those baptized at WHBC in February were as follows: Elizabeth & Paul Branch IV, Shannon Jean Ezzell, Adam Wells, Dustin Jones & Jackie Wells. **Please encourage them as they walk their spiritual journey with the Lord.**

*By grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves; it is the Gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

March 2008 Children's Church

Mar. 2 nd	Debbie Chappell & Megan Brockwell
Mar. 9 th	Walter & Christine Francis
Mar. 16 th	Brack & Laura Dunn
Mar. 23 rd	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Mar. 30 th	Pam & Jarrett Munford

WHBC Welcomes New Members

WHBC Received Six New Members During the Month of February 2008

Praise the Lord! WHBC received six new members during February 2008: Our newest members are as follows: Elizabeth Branch (letter & baptism), Dustin Jones (baptism), Mike & Susan Nauseef (letter), Adam Wells (baptism) & Jackie Wells (baptism). *Welcome new members!*



WHBC Membership Candidates

Those requesting WHBC membership by letter of transfer, statement, or baptism are: Jackie Farley (letter), & Linda & Dennis Sullivan (statement).

Remember to encourage and pray for them as they walk their spiritual journey!

Western Heights' Members Invited to a Wedding Reception for Jennifer Lee Baird and David Jeffrey Key

Jenn Baird & Dave Key will be married on March 15, 2008, in Clemmons, North Carolina. WHBC members are invited to a reception in their honor at Western Heights on Saturday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office or Karla Baird by April 1st to let us know how many will be attending. Thank you.

Prayer Warriors Needed!!

Andrea Armentrout and Lauren Mitchell are requesting prayer and support! The two will be journeying to Bridgetown, Barbados, June 7-13 for International World Changers. While there, they will have the opportunity to share the love of Christ and His gift of salvation in five villages near the West Indies Missions Training Center. The girls will be involved in witnessing opportunities through street VBS, sport ministries, and community projects reaching children and youth. The area is culturally Christian, but few have made life-changing commitments to Christ. Please pray for the people of Bridgetown. Pray that God will soften their hearts to be receptive of the **Truth** He has for them. Also, please pray for Lauren and Andrea as they prepare spiritually and financially for the calling that God has placed upon their lives for this summer.

WHBC Upcoming Events



Easter Services at WHBC

March 16th – Palm Sunday Easter Musical, 7 PM
March 21st – Good Friday Service with Communion
March 23rd – 7 AM Easter Sunrise Service
8 AM Breakfast
11 AM Easter Worship Service
NO EVENING WORSHIP

Church-wide Bridal Show for Alicia Branch

Sunday, March 30th at 2:30 in the afternoon
WHBC Fellowship Hall
Alicia is registered at Target in Colonial Heights



Aloha Western Heights! Announcing VBS
July 28th – August 1st

It's getting time for our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme for this year's VBS is **"Outrigger Island"** and the Bible verse is, **"Teach Me the Way, O Lord; and I Will Live By Your Truth" (Psalm 86-11)**. Contact April Norris if you would like to volunteer to help with VBS. Thank you so much.

Super Seniors Meeting in March & April!

The monthly meetings of the Super Seniors for March and April are as follows:

March 18th, at 11 AM, will meet at Ocran Methodist with Lenten Service and lunch at 12 PM.

April 15th, at 12 PM, WHBC, will have a covered dish lunch and a guest speaker, Lawyer Tolsten Peterson. He will be speaking on the topic - "Wills".

Don't miss these two important meetings. We look forward to seeing our Super Seniors there!

Ladies Spring Bible Study

Attention Ladies! Our Spring Bible Study will start March 13th and run for seven consecutive weeks (except spring break, March 27th and revival week, May 1st). During this session, we will study "Do You Think I'm Beautiful?" by Angela Thomas. This study will help us see who we are through God's eyes so we will be free to serve Him more. We will meet on Thursday mornings at 10 AM and Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Childcare will be provided during both sessions. Our teachers will be Cindy Dundalow for the morning and Linda Lewis in the evening. Sign up on the Women On Mission bulletin board or on the media table in the back foyer. Let's study God's Word together! Come and bring a friend!



Daylight Savings Time

Spring up your clock one hour ahead on March 9th or before you retire on Saturday night, March 8th. Benjamin Franklin was one of the first advocates of Daylight Savings Time as he said it would conserve candles.

March 2008 Nursery Schedule

Date	Age	Volunteers
Sun. Mar. 2 nd Morning	Birth A	Donnie & Leslie Bostic
	Birth B	Mitchell Family
	1-2 yrs.	Marty & Karla Baird/Lauren Mitchell
	3 yrs.	Barbara & Richard McCoy/Whitney Gibbs
Evening	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Wed. Mar. 5 th	Combined	Walter & Christine Francis
Sun. Mar. 9 th Morning	Birth A	Craig & April Norris
	Birth B	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	1-2 yrs.	Michael & April Price
	3 yrs.	Keith & Debbie Schmidt/Josh Via
Evening	Combined	Wallace & Dawn Twombly
Wed. March 12 th	Combined	Cindy Dundalow & Janelle Brown
Sun. March. 16 th Morning	Birth A	Mark & Julie Tilley
	Birth B	Michelle Stech & Lola Holley
	1-2 yrs.	Jennifer Lail & Stephanie Lamm/Lea Mitchell
	3 yrs.	Richard & Kim Lane/Karmin Mitchell
Evening	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker (or Rachel)
Wed. March 19 th	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn
Sun. Mar. 23 rd Morning	Birth A	Bobby & Brenda Olgers, Kristie Belvin
	Birth B	Janelle Brown & Wanda Gibbs
	1-2 yrs.	Robert & Kathy Whirley/Priscilla Gibbs
	3 yrs.	Carolyn Cheek & Debra Grammer/Rebecca Francis
Evening	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Mar. 26 th	Combined	Doris Harrison & Aredda Mitchell
Sun. Mar. 30 th	Birth A	Brack & Laura Dunn
	Birth B	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	1-2 Yrs.	Tim & Jamie Morini/Shirley Slaughter
	3 yrs.	Charles & Jean Roberts/Jeff Baird
Evening	Combined	Trisha Johnson & April Norris