

The Witness

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Recently, I had the opportunity to accompany our youth to Southeastern for a youth rally. That night Dr. Alvin Reid shared a video blog that was posted by Penn from the famous comedy and magic duo of Penn and Teller. Penn who is a known and devout atheist was recounting an event that had recently made a deep impact on him in regards to faith and religion. Following one of his shows a man had waited around afterwards to speak to Penn. This man had very lovingly taken the time to give him a Gideon's Bible in an attempt to share the gospel with him. As I said before, Penn is well known to be an atheist and believes there is no God. In the past he has not received gospel well, and is known for being very argumentative and/or derogatory towards Christianity. However, this man had a profound impact on Penn. As Penn recounted the story he kept saying over and over again that he was surprised that this Christian was first of all kind and second of all sane. I don't know how many of us would have had the courage to share the gospel with a known atheist on His own turf? However, God used this man to soften Penn's heart and to deliver the truth of the gospel. I can't help but think of all the people that need to hear the gospel that I know. I imagine that if you sat down to think about it you would be able to come up with a few of your friends, family, and acquaintances that need to hear the truth about Jesus. **I want to challenge you this Easter season to intentionally and lovingly share the Gospel with at least one person.** This Easter we will be providing some tools to do that with and give you some resources to help in this task. I know you might be thinking right now that you can't or that you won't. I understand that you might be afraid or feel inadequate. However, I want to share with you what Penn said his greatest problem was with Christianity. He told all of those watching that he always believed that Christians hated the people around them because they believed they had the Truth of eternal life and yet they told no one. This Easter season let's take seriously the opportunity to love the world like Jesus!

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

Sunday School Notes



We are moving closer to the 'vacation season'! Please take notice of those who are missing in your class. Don't assume someone else is calling to check on them. **BE BOLD!** Pick up the phone and do it yourself. You may never know how much a phone call means to someone.

Don't overlook another means we have of contacting our inactive members. Take a few minutes to fill out a form on them. Forms are located in each room. If you turn in a form one of our ministry teams will contact them. If we work together, over time we will contact everyone on our roll!

The average attendance for January was **196**. I hope to see **YOU** this Sunday at 9:45 for Bible study.

In His service, Robert Tucker, Sunday School Director

March Birthday List

1	Joseph Wray	22	Edward Slade
	Michael Clemens		Debbie Zimmerman
	Jim Lafoon		Trent Woods
3	Michael Edmonds	23	Mike Brown
4	Alicia B. Weyforth		Cynthia Reese
	David Criswell, Jr.		Betsy Berry
6	Robert Bishop		Kim Lovin
	Cheri Pratt		George Campbell
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
	Leslie Bostic		Crystal Arrington
	Megan Thomas	30	Shannon Pannill
15	Donnie Bostic		Amanda Spencer
	John Miller		Michael Hayes
	Justin Storey	31	Gregory Guyette
16	Dyllon Bostic		Holly Johnson
18	Emily Wenzel		Rita Louk
20	Renee Allred		
	Pamela Cunningham		
21	Preston Westmoreland		
	April Wood		
	Elizabeth Marshall		

April Birthday List

1	Michelle R. Stech	18	Michael Via
3	Jessica Neddo	20	Jennifer Baird Key
4	James Underhill		Rosa Whirley
	Linda Lewis		Dan Martin
5	Howard Brandon	21	Patricia Hayes
	Hope Lane	22	Gilbert Marek
	April Norris		Patricia Johnson
6	James "Matt" Via		Shelly Danels
	Danny Vaughn		Kristin Adkins
7	Richard McCoy		Marie Price
8	Jesse Wray	23	Brooke Mitchell
	Kevin Ivey		Otis Hill, Jr.
	Hailey Lane		Justin Brown
	J.D. Steele	24	Kenneth Silvey
9	Mike Beals		Gloria Staples
10	Rebecca Thomas	26	Heather Martin
			Whirley
12	Elbert Townsend, Jr.		Philip Siegle
13	Paul Holley Jr.	27	Lauren Boyd
	Camille Fischer		Daniel Lipford
14	Meredith Ligon		Gerald (Sam) Berry
15	April Cothron Price		Julie Massey
16	Vicki Parham Evans		Bette Dalton
17	Sherry Breeden	28	Haley Ramsey
		29	Mike Freeman
		30	Rachel Mitchell
			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!



I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...Matthew 16:19

Kingdom Advancement Committee **Recommendations**

- We proceed with the Project Committee's recommendation.
- The Kingdom Advancement Committee will work to raise at least a total of \$5000,000 before we contract for the completion of the project. Any work began ahead of this recommendation or materials purchased would need the full approval of the church and should be reviewed by the Kingdom Advancement Committee and would count towards the \$500,000 goal.
- The Kingdom Advancement Committee will be reviewing the progress of our fundraising efforts on a quarterly basis and will conduct a major review in 18 months before any future recommendations.
- The Kingdom Advancement Committee also recommends that we consider moving a sum of \$50,000 or greater to the building fund, if available, at the end of the 18-month review.

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank my church family, and Pastor Jon and my Sunday School Class and all who called me and came to see me and prayed with me and for me. I'll be back with you all as soon as possible. I love you, each and everyone.

Elsie Eley

Dear Church Family,

“Thank You” seems so insufficient for the many kind acts shown to both Judi and me during the past few months. Our church family has been wonderful to us. Your prayers, cards, phone cards, visits and food are appreciated more than you will ever know. Although I am well on the road to recovery, please continue to lift us up in prayer.

Robert & Judi Tucker

**WHBC Received Two New Members during the Month
of February 2009**

Praise the Lord! We received two new members during February 2009. Our newest members are: Hailey Lane and Bryce Witt. They were baptized on February 15, 2009.

Welcome Hailey & Bryce!!

WHBC Membership Candidates

Those requesting membership by letter of transfer and baptism are: Dottie Adams (transfer) and Joey Adams (baptism) and Dustin Grissom (baptism).

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

Bring a Kid to the Race Day 2009

Where: Martinsville Speedway

When: March 28

Price: \$15.00

For children and youth ages 5-18

Sponsored by Henry County Baptist Association Raceway Ministries

For more information, see Richard McCoy, Brotherhood Chairman

March 2009 Nursery Schedule

Date	Age	Volunteers
Sun. Mar. 1	Birth A	Craig & April Norris
	Birth B	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	Toddlers	V.J. & Sarah Slade
	3 Yr Olds	Jack & Betty Mayes Karmin Mitchell (floater)
Sun. Mar. 1 Evening	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Wed. Mar. 4	Combined	Kristie Belvin & Angie Mullinax
Sun. Mar. 8	Birth A	Mark & Julie Tilley
	Birth B	Lola Holley & Michelle Stech
	Toddlers	Ray & Lisa Witt
	3 Yr Olds	Richard & Barbara McCoy Hanna Lane (floater)
Sun. Mar. 8 Evening	Combined	Wally & Dawn Twombly
Wed. Mar. 11	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell
Sun. Mar. 15	Birth A	Bobby & Brenda Olgers
	Birth B	Janelle Brown & Wanda Gibbs
	Toddlers	Rob & Becky Thomas
	3 Yr. Olds	Keith & Debbie Schmidt Rebecca Francis (floater)
Sun. Mar. 15 Evening	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Mar. 18	Combined	Trisha Johnson & Aredda Mitchell
Sun. Mar. 22	Birth A	Laura Dunn & Andrea Armentrout
	Birth B	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Toddlers	Dee & Patty Beville
	3 Yr Olds	Richard & Kim Lane Sam Barton (floater)
Sun. Mar. 22 Evening	Combined	Rob & Becky Thomas
Wed. Mar. 25	Combined	Gloria Staples & Cindy Dundalow
Sun. Mar. 29	Birth A	Charles & Faye Veazey
	Birth B	Liz Marshall & Lea Mitchell
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Year Olds	Charles & Jean Gibbs Whitney Gibbs (floater)
Sun. Mar. 29 Evening	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn

Vacation Bible School 2009
June 15-19
Boomerang Express
“It All Comes Back to Jesus”
Bible Verse: 1 John 4:9

G' Day Mates!! It's that time again. VBS 2009!!

Boomerang Express is on its way! Please if you would, be in prayer about how you can help. VBS always needs lots of volunteers. If you feel led, please contact April Norris. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Men's Retreat at Camp Kehukee
March 20th-21st

CALLING ALL MEN to the Spring Men's Retreat!! We will have a weekend of devotions, good food and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are on the Pastor's bulletin board and the Brotherhood bulletin board.



Daylight Savings Time
March 8th

Don't forget to spring your clocks up 1 hour early on the evening of March 7th!

Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday Night, March 1st @ 7 PM

Topic: Children's Ministry Director

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.

Children’s Church March 2009 Schedule

March 1	Lisa Witt & Holly Johnson
March 8	Lisa Witt & Holly Johnson
March 15	Amanda Spencer & Pam Munford
March 22	Amanda Spencer & Pam Munford
March 29	Amanda Spencer & Pam Munford