

The Witness

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Job summed up our current global financial crisis when he said “the Lord gives and the Lord takes away”. I truly believe that Deuteronomy 15:4-6 summarizes the reasons behind the failure of our lending systems and the subsequent free fall of our economy. God promised the people of Israel that if they would keep His commandments when He brought them into the promised-land then He would bless them. That blessing was described as the people of Israel being able to lend to many nations and not having to borrow from them. The opposite of being blessed by God is being cursed by God. Ultimately, God told the people that if they did not keep the commandments that He had given to them, then He would curse them. The curse would be that His people would have to borrow from many nations and would not be able to lend to them. God told His people that disobedience of His law would have dire financial consequences. One of those consequences would without a doubt be extreme indebtedness. When we consider the failure of many of our lending institutions and the record rates of home foreclosures that we are currently experiencing, one cannot help but wonder if God has brought this same financial curse to bear upon the nation that has “In God We Trust” stamped on our currency? I truly believe that in America the Lord has truly given us riches and prosperity ultimately for His Honor and Glory. However, we have not kept His commandments and we do not seek Him in the way that He desires. Therefore, just as the Lord has given the Lord has taken away. So what does this mean for the Christian this thanksgiving season? Well, I believe that Job summed it up with his final statement about His financial crises when he said “Blessed be the name of the Lord!” This thanksgiving we should take the time to seek the Lord afresh and anew. We should be thankful even in the midst of what may be trying times. We should bless the name of the Lord no matter what, because He alone is worthy of our praise and only He can bring prosperity to His people. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Until He Comes

Jonathan Dundalow

I Timothy 4:12

Sunday School Notes



. What a way to kick off our revival! Our ladies had the privilege of hearing Mrs. (Dr.) Dorothy Patterson during the Sunday school hour. I heard wonderful comments about her teaching. If you were unable to attend, you surely missed a chance of a lifetime. Mrs. Patterson talked about the role of women in the home and the church.

I would like to extend a big “thank you” to all of the men who stepped up to teach the children’s classes on October 12th. All classes were taught by our men on that Sunday. I appreciate those of you who volunteered and I know the ladies appreciated it.

Please keep your teacher in your prayers. Each one of them spends many hours each week preparing. We all need to strive to give them the time to present the lesson. The purpose of Sunday school is to TEACH the Bible and that takes time. We need to start at 9:45 and the teacher should have at least 45 minutes to teach. Please be a leader in your class and help keep your class focused on the lesson! The average attendance for September was 203.

In His service,
Robert Tucker
Sunday School Director

Men’s Brotherhood Notes

The Men’s Fellowship outing scheduled for September 27th had to be cancelled due to the weather. We will try to schedule a similar event in the spring. The excitement and participation for this event was very high. There were more than 40 men who agreed to help in some way. By our rough estimate, we believe that 75 or more would have attended.

This is very encouraging. THANKS TO ALL!!

A Men’s Fellowship breakfast is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 AM. Please consider supporting this event for good fellowship and food! The **bigger** the crowd the **better** the program we can put together.

Robert McCoy, Brotherhood Mission Leader

Safety and Security Ministry

It has been established that Western Heights has a need and opportunity to implement a Safety and Security Ministry in a continued effort to keep our members, congregation and property safe and secure. This ministry will involve many areas. One of the immediate areas of concern is pre-hospital care for individuals who may become sick or injured while at church activities. If you have training in this area and would be interested in serving in this capacity, please call or see Alan Kissner. Thank you.

Fall Back

Just a reminder to turn your clocks **back an hour** on Saturday night, so you will be at Sunday School and Worship at the right time on Sunday.

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be on Wednesday evening, November 26th at 7 pm.

Events Coming Up in November at WHBC

- November 2 New Member's class, 9:45 AM
6 Ruth Class Meeting, 12 PM
Ladies Bible Study, 10 AM & 7 PM
Men's Bible Study, 7 Pm
7 Widow/Widowers Dinner, 6:30 PM
9 Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM
Veteran's Day Service with Baptismal
Service during Morning Worship
"Operation Christmas Child" shoe
boxes due back today
12 Church Family Business Meeting
13 Set Up for Thanksgiving Children's
Dinner
14 Children's Thanksgiving Dinner,
6:30 PM
17 Church Council Meeting, 7 PM
18 Super Seniors Meeting, 12 PM
20 Ladies Bible Study, 10 AM & 7 PM
Men's Bible Study, 7 PM
26 Thanksgiving Eve Service with
Communion, 7 PM
30 GA's Skit – "Lottie Moon", 11 AM
Nov. 30-Dec. 7 Week of Prayer – Lottie Moon

Youth Events & Notes

CentriKids – The Children's Committee is exploring the possibility of our children attending CentriKid this coming summer. Centrikid is a Monday through Friday camp and is available for children who have completed 3rd – 6th grades. If you are interested in your child attending, please sign an "interest sheet" which will be made available in the Children's Wing. Please see Holly Johnson, Pam Munford, Amanda Spencer or Lisa Witt for more information.

November 2008 Children's Church

November 2	Jamie Morini & April Norris
November 9	Richard & Kim Lane
November 16	Rob & Becky Thomas
November 23	Holly Johnson & Amanda Spencer
November 30	Carol Beasley & Debbie Mills

Praise the Lord we were showered with rain on Monday night, but it did not hinder our blood drive. We had 51 donors who weathered the storm and 40 good units were received! The VBS workers were delighted!! Thanks to the pastor for the chocolate cake he gave us and to Blanche Powell for donating her yummy pound cake, which was a big hit!! Your next opportunity to give will be on Groundhog Day, February 2, 2009

November 2008 Nursery Schedule

Date	Age	Volunteers
Sun. Nov. 2nd	Birth A Birth B	Charles & Faye Veazey Liz Marshall & Lea Mitchell
	Toddler	Robert & Kathy Whirley w/ Karmin Mitchell
	3 yrs.	Charles & Jean Roberts w/ Priscilla Gibbs
Sunday pm	Combined	Steve & Leura Kay Armentrout
Wed. Nov. 5th	Combined	Janelle Brown & Rachel Wynn
Sun. Nov. 9th	Birth A Birth B	Kristie Belvin & Lauren Mitchell Heather Schmidt & Susan Goodwin
	Toddler	Tim & Jamie Morini w/ Hanna Lane
	3 yrs.	Ronnie & Becky Pierce
Sunday pm	Combined	Wallace & Dawn Twombly
Wed. Nov. 12th	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn
Sun. Nov. 16th	Birth A Birth B	Donnie & Leslie Bostic Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Toddler	Ray & Lisa Witt
	3 yrs.	V. J. & Sarah Slade
Sunday pm	Combined	Robert & Judi Tucker
Wed. Nov. 19th	Combined	Carolyn Hogue & Vicki Campbell
Sun. Nov. 23rd	Birth A Birth B	Craig & April Norris Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	Toddler	Rob & Becky Thomas
	3 yrs.	Jack & Betty Mayes w/ Rebecca Francis
Sunday pm	Combined	Jimmy & Angie Mullinax
Wed. Nov. 26th	Combined	No Nursery Thanksgiving Eve
Sun. Nov. 30th	Birth A	Mark & Julie Tilley
	Birth B	Michelle Stech & Lola Holley
	Toddler	Dee & Patty Beville
	3 yrs.	Richard & Barbara McCoy w/ Patricia Crance
Sunday pm	Combined	Danny & Judy Vaughn

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards while I was recovering from my recent surgery. It is a true blessing to have such a wonderful church family and a great comfort to know so many are praying for me.

*Thank You Again,
Julie Tilley*

To Western Heights Baptist Church

Thank you so much for all the prayers, thoughts, and kind things you said about my dad. Thanks to the wonderful benevolence committee and all the goodies they brought kept the 13 of us full until everyone left to go home.

*Thank you again,
Pat Kennedy and the Berry Family*

A New Addition

Congratulations to Ashton and Geni Mellott, proud parents of Margaret Eliason "Maggie" Mellott who was born October 17, 2008 at 10:57 mountain time in Estes Park, Colorado. She weighed 6lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 ½ in. long. The very proud grandparents are Rick and Susan Mellott and Mary E. Williams is a proud great grandmother.

November Birthday List

1	Hershel Carter	19	Steven Conley
2	Jackson Ryan Baird		Frances Farrish
3	Mildred Randolph		Lisa Witt
4	Patty Fallin	20	Scott Porter
5	Brenda Markert		Kathy Whirley
	David Russell		Caitlyn Danels
	Joyce Wallace	21	Melissa Dear Zaharek
6	Dennis Lipford, Jr.	22	Daryl Chappell
7	Donald Hayes	23	James Breeden
	John Tucker, Jr.		Eva Meredith
8	Christopher Chappell		Tammy Croft
	Margaret Cabaniss	26	Ellis Green, Jr.
10	Lewis Munford		Debra Thomas
12	Robert Thomas, II		Sam Comer
15	Jack Mayes	27	Kathy Sodat
	Charles Roberts	28	Eric Schmidt
	Carrie Martin		Christine Kollman
16	Florence Nichols	29	Richard Lane
	Debbie Schmidt		Marishka Langston
	Katherine Loden	30	Gregory Conley
17	Judi Tucker		
	Rebekah Lovin		
	Gabriele Gibbs		



December Birthday List

1	Leonard Harrison	17	Debbie Chappell
	Rhianna Mathias	19	Heather Rote
	Tiffany Woods		Gwen Dunn
2	Cheri Owens	20	Ashton Mellott
3	A. J. Ricci		Christine Ramsey
4	Paul Hoylman		Stephen Beasley
5	Grover Cheek	21	Ellen Massengale
	Nancy Holthouser		Joshua Kollman
	Jamie Lafoon	22	Faye Veazey
8	Drew Berry	23	Harvey Tarleton
	Edith Vaughan		Jessica Allred
9	Alexandra Via	24	Kendall Walker
	Joseph Massey	25	Debbie Banner
10	Kenneth Debose	26	Patricia LaPlante
11	Jade Cook		Marty Baird
12	Sarah Breeden		Ernest Harrison
13	Edward Cunningham		Phillip Vollhardt
	Aby Staples	27	Cassandra Sullivan
	Raleigh Norris	29	Bryce Witt
14	Flora Ainsley	31	Fannie Williams
	Beverly Mathias		
15	Jonathan Neddo		

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!