

The Witness

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Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Matthew 1:23

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It's interesting the types of things that people want for Christmas. Most of the time people want something that is very near and dear to the hearts. We usually try to pick our gifts according to what we think would show the people around us that we truly love them. I wonder if you have ever taken the time to think about what your pastor might want for Christmas? What would be near and dear to his heart? Of course a new Camaro wouldn't be so bad, but what any pastor worthy of his calling would want above all else is for the people that he is leading to follow Christ. That is what consumes the heart and the mind of pastors all over the world. They spend their lives including nights and weekends working toward that goal. It is what consumes their thoughts, their study, and their devotion. Often times, Pastors are misunderstood simply because churches are intimidated by the fervor with which they pursue this goal. I have heard churches say things like our pastor is a dictator, or that he has to have his way. Often times in reality your pastor is simply trying to shepherd the flock according to the direction he is given by the Spirit and by the Word of the Lord. It seems to me that since the very beginning of the church there have been difficulties and challenges that must be met by the pastor and work that must be done to prepare the bride of Christ for His return. However, if you're pastor or any pastor for that matter, could have one thing it would be for the Body of Christ to truly live for the Lord and to love one another. Since we don't live in a perfect world this is often not a reality, but know this the pastors you know in life live for Christ and would die for you to know Him. So this Holiday consider your role in the Body of Christ and whether or not you are living for the Lord, because your pastor loves you and Jesus died so that you can live for Him.

January Birthday List

1	Cindy Dundalow	19	Holli Fischer
3	Travis McDaniel		Frank Glazier
4	Creed Fallin	20	Dakota Blankenship
5	Collin Branch		Michael Crance
	William Gibbs	21	Shannon Seay
6	Pamela Williams		Wendy Chapman
	Chris Kollman IV	22	Scarlett Yates
8	Andy Eubank		Melanie B. Orton
9	Virginia Bishop		Mille Dear
10	Jon Elsea		Bailey Witt
	Michael Guyette	23	Jacob Mitchell
	Christy Tripp	24	Keith Schmidt
11	Megan Brockwell		Marie Smith
	Coleson E. Branch		Elsie Eley
12	Kirsten Basham		Jean Gibbs
	Brittany Carr		Preston Ramsey
	Jane Stallings		Robert Sullivan
13	Bobby Harris		Robert Swinson
	Lauryn Marek	25	Pamela J. Munford
	Wayne Ivey	26	Wendy Sue Evans
14	Dr. David Drewry	27	Nicole Claiborne
	Rachel Rush Wynn		Robert Ingram
15	Kim Lane	28	Johnny Howard
17	Barbara N. Adkins		Gerry Howard
18	Morgan Dundalow		Vera Mitchell
	Brigette Gomez		Stephanie Lamm
	Hanna L. Barton	29	Emma Berry
	Christy Miller		Michael Wade
		30	Brian Connelly
			Barbara McCoy

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!

December Birthday List

1	Rhianna Mathias	18	Andrew Chappell
2	James Burnett		Kalah Wood
	Cheri Owens	19	Gwen Dunn
3	A.J. Ricci		Chip Pletcher
	Rena Leslie		Heather Rote
4	Pam Burton	20	Stephen Beasley
	Paul Hoylman		Ashton Mellott
5	Nancy Holthouser		Christine Ramsey
	Jamie Lafoon		Loretta Smith
6	Brian Price	21	Ellen Massengale
8	Drew Berry		Joshua Kollman
	Linda Sullivan		Adam Wells
	Edith Vaughan	22	Heather Summers
9	Alexandra Via		Faye Veazey
10	Kenneth Debose	23	Harvey Tarleton
11	Jade Cook		Jessica Allred
12	Sarah Breeden	24	Kendall Walker
13	Edward Cunningham	25	Debbie Banner
	Raleigh Norris		Ray Gooch
14	Flora Ainsley	26	Patricia LaPlante
	Beverly Mathias		Marty Baird
15	Betty Edgerton		Ernest Harrison
	Jonathan Neddo		Judy Schmidt
17	Debbie Chappell		Phillip Vollhardt
	Cameron Lewis	27	Cassandra Sullivan
	Dennis Sullivan	29	Bryce Witt
	Kayleigh Whirley	31	Tammy Luck



Happy Birthday!

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. ¹⁵ Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. ¹⁶ Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. I Tim 4:14-15

**Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow, Galations 6:9**



A Note from the Children's Director

Hello all and Happy December! It is a month to celebrate the birth of our Savior! I hope you all have plans to make lasting memories with your families as you celebrate the real meaning of the season. Hold your loved ones close and praise God for them. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

The children have several events coming up...

- Final rehearsals for the children's play, "A King is Coming to Town", Wednesday Dec. 4th @ 6:30-8pm and Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10-2pm. Lunch will be served for the parents and children participating in the play. Please sign up if you plan to attend.
- Parents Night Out--- Dec 6th, 6-10pm Children should bring a bagged dinner and wear comfortable clothing. The committee will provide crafts as well as a movie and popcorn. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend. Please sign up to help us prepare for the proper # of children!
- The Children present, "A King is Coming to Town" Sunday December 8th @ 5:00pm. Please provide finger foods for a social following the play. Thank you in advance.

- December 23rd @ 3 PM, Children's choir to visit Golden Living Nursing Home to sing and deliver goody bags. Please see April Norris for details.
- Christmas Eve Service @ 6:00. Nursery will be provided for children birth – 3yrs.

**Thank you,
April Norris**

Brotherhood News

At our next breakfast all donations will be given to Dinwiddie Food Bank. If you cannot attend, but, would like to donate, please contact Phil Volhardt, Richard McCoy or Ronnie Pierce.

I would like to encourage all men to attend our monthly Brotherhood Meetings. Our meetings occur every second Sunday morning of each month at 8:00 AM.

If you have any suggestions or know of any needs in our church or local community, please bring them forward at this breakfast meeting coming up.

As each of us has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10

**Ronnie Pierce
Brotherhood Chairman**

Waste Disposal Cont'd

McKenney Residential Trash Collection Site
11206 Marguerita D. Ragsdale Dr, McKenney
804-892-5367

Old Hickory Residential Trash Collection Site
19522 McKenney Highway, Stony Creek
Hart Road Residential Trash Collection Site
19900 River Rd, Sutherland

Dinwiddie Residential Trash Collection Site
13542 Boydton Plank Rd.

Recycling Residential curbside recycling is available in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. Other localities offer sites for recycling drop-off. Recycling, like trash collection, is managed by the CVWMA. 804-340-0900

Telecommunications Verizon 1-800-837-4966
Comcast 1-800-266-2278



The Lost and Found Box is filled with glasses, jewelry, Bibles, etc. If you have lost prescription glasses and other items in the past, or recently, you may visit the church office to see if something in the box is yours. There are quite a few Bibles also.

AREA UTILITIES INFORMATION

- Electricity** Dominion Virginia Power 1-866-366-4357
Prince George Electric Cooperative
804-834-2424
Southside Electric Cooperative (Dinwiddie)
1-800-552-2118
- Water** Chesterfield 804-748-1271
Colonial Heights 804-520-9288
Dinwiddie 804-861-0998 or
804-861-1012
- Hopewell 1-800-452-6863
Prince George 804-722-8706
- Gas** Columbia Gas of VA 1-800-543-8911
- Garbage/Trash** Petersburg, Col. Hgts., & Hopewell are
Served by the Central VA Waste Mgt Authority
. Chesterfield 804-748-1297
. Col. Hgts. 804-425-0500
. Dinwiddie 804-469-4545
. Hopewell 804-425-0500
. Petersburg 804-425-0500
. Prince George 804-733-2795
- Waste Disposal** Tri-Cities Regional Disposal &
Recycling Container First Services
390 Industrial Dr. – 804-733-8001
Colonial heights Convenience Center
2701 Conduit Rd., Col. Hgts. VA
804-479-7056
Dinwiddie manned trash dump sites
Locations:
Dinwiddie Country Transfer Transition
10817 Wheelers Pond Rd.
Dinwiddie 469-4545
Rohoic Residential Trash Site
22578 Airpark Dr, Petg. 804-892-3897

Notes from the Interim Music Director

DECEMBER spells. Crazy busy!!!!!! We at WHBC have been super busy planning music for the Christmas Season. However, I want to personally invite you and on behalf of the choirs, to come and RELAX as our Children's choir and Adult choir present their Special Christmas musicals for you.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS EITHER ONE OF THESE. You will be truly blessed!

As we continue here at WHBC to be busy for the Lord until HE comes , please remember why we do what we do and why God has placed us where we are. To Serve and to Bless.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ Bonnie Perkinson

TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Once again it's Christmas Time,
time for us to be,
Busy wrapping presents
and setting up the tree.
It seems we have so many things,
to think of and to do,
We may forget that Christmas,
has a deeper meaning too.
A meaning that goes far beyond,
the things the eye can see,
Such as Holly wreaths, Mistletoe,
and Gifts beneath the tree.
For these are only Symbols,
of what happened Christmas morn,
When in a little manger,
GOD's only Son was born.
GOD put HIM here upon this Earth,
with one idea in mind.
To put New Hope around the World,

and LOVE in all Mankind.
So even though we're busy,
and have many things to do,
Let's not forget that Christmas,
has a deeper Meaning too.
Eugene W. Mil

Women on Mission News

Thank you to all who helped Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child be a huge success this year. At our last count, we collected 196 boxes, the largest number since we started this ministry. We are also grateful to our children's ministry and children who packed 80 boxes. It's amazing to see wonderful results like this when the body of Christ works together to share God's love at home and around the world.

Welcome New Members

Western Heights Baptist welcomes David "Butch" Henshaw and his daughter, Tiffany Marie, to our body of believers here at Western Heights. Butch comes to us by letter from Mount Pleasant Baptist and Tiffany Marie desires membership by baptism.

Please pray for Butch and Tiffany as they continue their journey with the Lord.

Christmas Worship Offerings at

Western Heights

Children's Play

"A King Is Coming"

Sunday Evening, December 8 @ 5:00 PM

Adult Christmas Cantata

"Hope Has Hands"

Sunday Evening, December 15 @ 5:00 PM



Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 6:00 PM

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 1-8	Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 2	Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM
December 4	Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Play, 6:30-8:30 PM Prayer Meeting, 7 PM Church Council Meeting, 8 PM
December 2-6	Operation Appalachian Christmas Gift Wrapping
December 6	Parent's Night Out, 6-10 PM
December 7	Dress rehearsal for Children's Christmas Play, 10 AM-2PM and lunch provided for parents and participants.
December 8	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM Children's Christmas Play, 5 PM
December 15	Adult Choir Christmas Cantata, 5 PM
December 21	Deacon's Christmas Food Basket Ministry Packing & Delivering
December 23	Children's choir to visit Golden Living Nursing Home to sing and deliver goody bags.
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @ 6 PM. A nursery will be provided.

Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Offering- "Totally His – Heart, Hands & Voice"

December 1-8 is the Week of Prayer for International Missions – Lottie Moon. Our church goal for this year is \$23,000. Please pray how God would have you to give. A church of at least 100 people should be able to support one family overseas.

The National goal is \$175 million. The 2013 SBCV goal for churches is \$3.25 million. Together the SBCV churches can reach this goal.

December Children's Church Schedule

Date	Volunteers
December 1st	Mike & Megan Demaline & April Norris
December 8th	Pam Burton, Amanda Whirley & April Norris
December 15th	Kim Lane, April Norris & Chelsi Holderfield
December 22nd	Karla Baird, Linda Sullivan & April Norris
December 29th	No Children's Church

December Nursery Workers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
Sunday, December 1 st AM	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Jarrett & Johanna Munford
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3 Yr Olds	Lola Holley & Michelle Stech
Sunday, 5 PM, December 1 st	Combined	Donna Temple & Paid Worker
Wednesday, 7 PM December 4 th	Combined	Judi Tucker
Sunday, December 8 th AM	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Chelsi Holderfield & Kathy Tarleton
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr. Olds	Barbara McCoy & Becky Thomas
Sunday, December 8 th 5 PM	Combined	Children's Christmas Play
Wednesday, December 11 ^h	Combined	Donna Temple
Sunday, December 15 th AM	Birth	Melissa Connelly & Patty Dudley
	Cruisers	Lea & Rachel Mitchell
	Toddlers	Christie Leggett & iane Reish
	3 Yr. Olds	Becky & Judy Pierce
Sunday, 5 PM, December 15 th	Combined	Adult Christmas Cantata "Hope Has Hands"
Wednesday, December 18 th 7 PM	Combined	Melissa Connelly
Sunday AM, December 22 nd	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Shawn & Rachel Wynn
	3 Yr Olds & Youth	Richard & Kim Lane
Sunday 5 PM, December 22 nd	Combined	No Evening Service
Tuesday, December 24 th 6 PM	Combined	Committee Members
Wednesday, December 25 th Christmas Day	Combined	No Evening Service

Worship is an attitude of Gratitude
'Tis the season to be jolly. . . .

To Western Heights Baptist Church ~ As the close of 2013 nears, I just want to say "Thank You" to Western Heights Baptist Church for allowing Taylor and I to be a part of the ministry here. It has been a blessing to serve as pianist first and now Interim Music Director for the past year. Being a part of this church has been a blessing to me and my family in ways you may never fully understand. The love and support for us, Taylor's college education, and spiritual wellness of she and I have come from so many avenues. God is good. . . . ALL THE TIME.

We wish for you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and prosperous New Year!

**Love in Christ,
Bonnie S. Perkinson
Taylor Perkinson**

Thank you from the Benevolent Committee!

We would like to thank each and everyone that brought food for the family of Lillian Dick. It was a joy to have been a part of celebrating the life of Lillian Dick. We have people telling us what a good job, but, we want each and everyone to know if it wasn't for you, we would be complete failures.

Once again, we want to thank you and may God bless you.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

**Thought for the Month
"Christmas"**

This is the season to remember the little baby boy born many years ago that walked the earth for a short while, healed the sick, taught people how to live and love one another, suffered a painful death for man's sins of this world! Let's keep God in our Christmas. Visit someone that could use a visit at Christmastime and show them the LOVE of Jesus.

**Merry Christmas from the Staff of WHBC!
Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!**

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." Galatians 4:4

December Nursery Con't

Sunday, December 29th	Birth	Michael & Amanda Spencer
	Cruisers	John & Heather Mills
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Yr. Olds & Youth	Jennifer Beville & Donna Temple
Sunday, 5 PM, December 29th		No Evening Service



WHBC Clothes Closet

Thank you so very much for the recent donations to the Clothes Closet. We are staying busy assisting those in need.

We are in need of girl's sizes 9 months to 24 months and sizes 2-16. Please, new or gently used items only.

Due to limited space, please do not give electronics.

Thank you for supporting this mission and God bless you!

Matthew 25:40

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

