

The Witness

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The past 50 years here at WHBC have been interesting to say the least. We can see trials and triumphs, faith and failures, as well as good times and bad times. However, many of us may not realize the significance of the particular birthday that WHBC has coming up. A majority of churches in America that have been established for 50 years or more are in decline. There are a lot of reasons that people suggest as to why this is happening but it is sufficient to say that a majority of these congregations have lost their vision to reach their communities. Churches find themselves trying to minister to communities that have drastically changed by using the same methods that have always worked in the past. When these things begin to be less effective the congregations then determine that people are just not able to be reached and either hunker down to survive where they are or move to a more suitable community for their congregation. However, churches that are still growing after 50 years are the ones who are still learning and adapting to reach people in an ever changing world. They are working to use the tools that technology makes available to them in order to reach the people around them. They are always looking for a fresh vision and are willing to learn. These congregations are trying to be all things to all people that some might be saved. These congregations aren't afraid to fail and thus work hard to try different things. They are literally swinging for the fences with the Gospel and trusting that the Lord is in control. I always tell the baseball teams that

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I coach that I will never be upset with them if they strike out swinging. I always remind them that nothing great can ever happen if they are afraid to swing the bat.

We have to decide here at WHBC who we will be for the next 50 years? Will we swing for the fences or hope for a walk? I don't know about everyone else but I never step to the plate hoping for a walk. I want to be a hitter and I hope you do to. If we fail to swing for the fences then the Lord will know we buried our talents in the ground and we will have to answer to Him. I hope we will work hard to be all that He died for us to be over the next 50 years. My prayer is that we will work to be all things to all people that some might be saved. Why you ask? Simply because He told us to.

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



A Note from the Children's Director

Can you believe it...June is here and summer is just around the corner (June 21st). That means kiddos are getting out of school, vacation plans are in the works, and, Western Heights is getting ready for VBS, June 24-28, 9 AM-12:20 PM. Family night is June 27th. We are currently in need of grade level guides and recreation leaders. Please see the signup sheets on the bulletin board beside Mrs. Helen's class. If you haven't preregistered your children, please do so. Registration forms are on the "media" table and the main vestibule. Please fill out and return to April Norris. Please be in prayer for the workers, children and their families. May God be glorified not only during this week, but every day of our lives.

July Birthday List

1	Christopher Adkins	19	Chris Allred
2	Blanche Powell		Brian Archer
	Joy Lilly	20	Janet Smith
	Jennifer Wilson	21	Alex Colbert
3	Shannon Ezzell Wells		Lillian Dick
	Kathy Tarleton		Todd Leek
5	Diane Reish		Travis Phillips
6	Terry Branham		Anna Schmidt
	Victoria Dear		Stoney Whirley, Sr.
10	Keith Drewry		Jenna Yates
11	Haley Williams	22	Evannah Glasscock
12	Leura Kay Armentrout	23	Stanley Cornett
	Marlaiana Rose Gibbs	25	Ronnie Pierce
	Willow Leighann Gibbs		Michael Price
13	Michael Adkins	26	Bonnie Conley
	Priscilla Gibbs		Jill Thomas
14	Erin Dunn		Robin Sowers
	Victor Slade, Sr.	27	Landon Wood
15	Billy Mills	28	Blake Bish
16	Tammy Costa		Brittany Hughes
17	Dewey Harrison		Mary Williams
	Alan Neff	29	Shane Elder
18	Haley Andrews	31	Whitney Gibbs
	Fran Denny		Pam Kissner
	Danny Jarrell		
	Julie Tilley		

June Birthday List

1	Charles Veazey	20	Helen Chappell
	Shaun Orton		Jean Roberts
2	Calvin Adkins		Wynonah Thomas
3	LeAnn Harrison		Wallace Twombly
4	Judy Phillips	22	David Dundalow
5	Tom Loden		Crystal Lamm
	Kaysea Ramsey		Kellie Lester
7	Joyce Holley		Samuel Mitchell
8	Mildred Pride		Amy Wright
9	Jeanne Lester Rose	23	Florence Moon
	Dwen Marek		Bobby Olgers
	Kathlyn Schmidt		Jeremy Scott
	Michael Wright	24	Steven Owens
10	Christie Leggett		Patricia Beville
11	Linda Cothron		Timothy Dundalow
13	Roger Sullivan		Logan Stech
14	Darrin Munford	25	Tara Philips
17	Carissa Nichols		Andrea A. Beville
	Becky Antkowiak	26	Tracy Dorgan
18	Thomas Gunn		Donald Schmidt
	Donna Boyd	27	Brooke Glasscock Dimaio
	Rebecca F. Wilcox	28	Shea Danels
19	Tabatha Berry	29	Tracy Guyette
	Virginia Bragan	30	Barbara Blankenship
	Bessie Munford		Charles Lively

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

Some dates to jot down for Children's Ministry:

Sunday nights 5-6 pm we will meet on the following
Sunday nights: June 2nd and June 9th

June 2nd immediately following morning worship there will be a Child Abuse Prevention Course. This course is for all who work with or plan to work with children here at WHBC. The course is only needed once and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

June 9th – Sweet Frog Trip! The Children's Ministry will be taking a trip to Sweet Frog on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9th. More details will follow...



Praise the Lord! Deonte Spicer, who has professed his faith in Jesus Christ and request membership by baptism.

Please pray for Deonte as he walks his spiritual journey with the Lord.

Baptism & Children Dedication Sunday

Father's Day, June 16th

We will have baptism for our new members, and Children Dedication Sunday on Father's Day. Those that did not get to dedicate their child or children to the Lord on Mother's Day, can bring them up when the pastor calls them on Father's Day.

Praise the Lord for our new members and our children.



Notes from the Music Director

May has been an exciting time in the life of our WHBC choirs. . . .

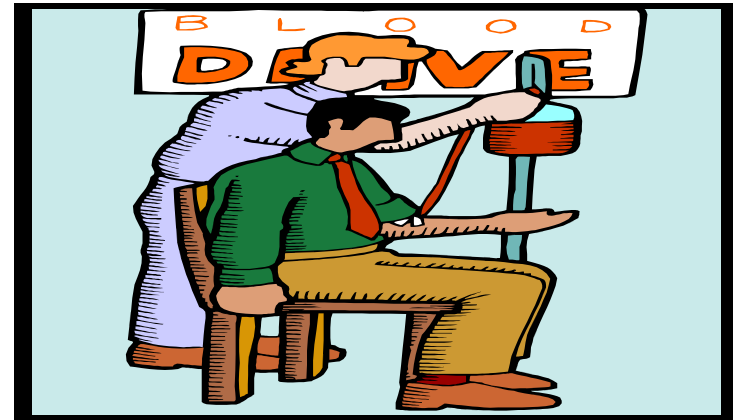
Our Children's choir performed on Mothers' Day with a skit and message in song. . . ."Blessed to be a Blessing". . . . They rocked!!!!

We talked about what it meant to be a blessing, what it meant to be blessed and what exactly WAS a blessing. I was amazed at what they said. Parents you should be so proud of your children. I am!

Youth choir is coming along and we plan on singing at the end of June with combined choirs. . . . I am so proud of the youth that are coming on Wednesday nights and the Bible says. . . ."Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes! (1 Samuel 12:16)

Our Adult Choir never ceases to amaze me with their dedication to the choir and to God on Sunday morning. We have done some pretty awesome songs and I KNOW that God inhabits our praises and that's what we will continue to do. . . . PRAISE HIM!

Bonnie Perkinson
WHBC Music Ministry



WHBC May Blood Drive

On Monday, May 13th, we had 36 people come to give blood. We collected 32 good units. We had two ladies that gave for the first time. This number is a little lower than our previous drives. However, three of our faithful donors were so inspired by our drives that they started a blood drive at their church. They were able to collect 26 units at their church. Praise the Lord for reaching out to others. We pray that more will feel motivated on July 29 to come out and help save lives. Our May 13th drive helped to save 93 lives. Thanks to all of you!!!

Don't forget, the next blood drive is July 29th.

Notes of Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the wood you brought me this winter and all of your prayers.

Thank George Campbell for getting a group of people to come and put storm windows on my home and for fixing my two screen porches. It makes me feel much safer. Thank you for the young men and women for all their help and coming out in the cold to help me. I deeply appreciate all you have done. It was an answered prayer from my Father God. Pray for me for healing of my legs. All is appreciated very much. God Bless you always.

**Thank You Again,
In Jesus Name,
Rose Hartley**

Dear Church Family,

On May 9, 2013, God called a very special angel, Mayben “Cootie” Evans home. Her family expresses our sincere thanks to the WHBC family for all the calls, cards, visits, and especially the delicious food they prepared for us at the time of her passing. Although my Mother and I have only been members of WHBC for 3 years, we have felt welcomed and loved from the start. Moma loved God and her church family. To know her was to love her. We will all miss her dearly, but, I know she is rejoicing in her heavenly home. God bless you all.

**Love,
Wendy, Debbie and Blake**



WHBC Clothes Closet

Thank you to all that have given to the Clothes Closet. In the last two weeks, we have been able to assist four families. As you prepare for the summer months, please check your closets and see what you have to donate. At this time, we are in need of infant clothes. Thank you again for making this mission a success.

Thought for the Month

When we help someone, we receive more than we give.

June 2013 Children's Church Schedule

June 2nd	Mike & Megan Demaline, April Norris
June 9th	Richard & Kim Lane, April Norris
June 16th "Father's Day"	Karla Baird & Linda Sullivan, April Norris
June 23rd	Anna Keeney & Donna Temple, Michelle Stech
June 30th	No children's church

June 2013 Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
Sunday AM, June 2nd	Birth	Paid Workers
	Cruisers	Paid Workers
	Toddlers	Paid Workers
	3 Yr Olds	Paid Workers
	Youth Floater	Paid Workers
Sunday, June 2nd 5PM “One Church Bible Study”	Combined	Janelle Brown & Donna Temple
Wednesday, 7 PM June 5th	Combined	Trisha Johnson & April Johnson
Sunday, June 9th AM	Birth	Shaun & Melanie Orton
	Cruisers	Kathy Tarleton & April Johnson
	Toddlers	Lisa & Ray Witt
	3 Yr. Olds	Tim & Jamie Morini
	Youth Floater	Debra Thomas
Sunday, June 9th	Combined	Judi Tucker & Paid Worker
Wednesday, June 12th	Combined	Barbara McCoy & Becky Pierce
Sunday AM, June 16th “Father’s Day”	Birth	Levi & Vera Mitchell
	Cruisers	Brian & Melissa Connelly
	Toddlers	Chelsi Holderfield & Christie Leggett
	3 Yr. Olds	Donna Temple & Ashley McFarland
	Youth Floater	Anna Schmidt
Sunday, June 16th Father’s Day”	Combined	No Evening Services
Wednesday, June 19th	Combined	Michelle Stech & Rachel Wynn
Sunday, June 23rd	Birth	Andrea Beville & Heather Gibbs
	Cruisers	Christine Croarkin & Amanda Whirley
	Toddlers	Marty & Karla Baird
	3 Yr Olds	Richard & Barbara McCoy

Events Coming Up at WHBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 31-June 1	Angela Thomas Conference
June 1	Brotherhood Woodcutting, 8 AM Kehukee Family Day& Health Fair, 9:15AM-4PM
June 2	Lifeway Architecture Meeting, 10-11 AM
June 3	Deacon’s Meeting, 7 PM
June 8	VBS Community Kickoff
June 9	Brotherhood Breakfast, 8 AM Special Called Business Meeting following the morning service Children’s trip to Sweet Frog
June 16	“Father’s Day” – no PM services
June 24-28	VBS – “Gotta Move”, 9 AM- 12:20 PM
June 30	Children’s Day Open House
July 1	Joint Deacon’s Meeting – continuation of Architecture Meeting (all deacons),7 PM
July 6-13	George & Vida Campbell to Roanoke with World Changers
July 15-19	Centri-Kid (Skycroft)
July 15-20	World Changers at High Point, NC
July 29	WHBC Blood Drive, 3 – 7:00 PM

**WHBC Church League Softball
Schedule 2013**

Tuesday **Fld #2** **June 4th**
 6:30pm Highland Methodist vs. WHBC
 7:25pm WHBC vs. Highland Methodist
 8:20pm Calvary Baptist vs. WHBC AAA
 9:15pm WHBC AAA vs. Calvary Baptist

Tuesday **Fld #1** **June 11th**
 6:30pm WHBC AAA vs. Colonial Heights Baptist #2
 7:25pm Colonial Heights Baptist #2 vs. WHBC AAA

Fld #2
 8:20pm WHBC vs. Community Christian Fellowship
 9:15pm Community Christian Fellowship vs. WHBC

Tuesday **Fld #1** **June 18th**
 6:30pm Mt. Pleasant Baptist vs. WHBC AAA
 7:25pm WHBC AAA vs. Mt. Pleasant Baptist
 8:20pm Colonial Heights Baptist #1 vs. WHBC
 9:15pm WHBC vs. Colonial Heights Baptist #1

Tuesday **Fld #1** **June 25th**
 6:30pm First Assembly of God vs. WHBC
 7:25pm WHBC vs. First Assembly of God
 8:20pm WHBC AAA vs. Highland Methodist
 9:15pm Highland Methodist vs. WHBC AAA

Tuesday **Fld # 2** **July 9th**
 8:20pm WHBC AAA vs. Community Christian Fellowship
 9:15pm Community Christian Fellowship vs. WHBC AAA

Tuesday **Fld #1** **July 16th**
 6:30pm WHBC AAA vs. WHBC
 7:25pm WHBC vs. WHBC AAA

Thursday **Fld #1** **July 18th**
 6:30pm Mt. Pleasant Baptist vs. WHBC
 7:25pm WHBC vs. Mt. Pleasant Baptist

June Nursery Schedule Cont'd

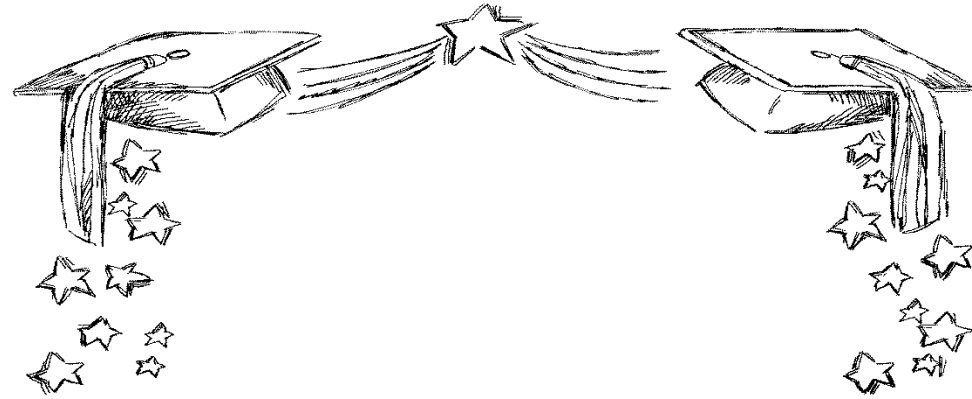
June 23 rd cont	Age	Volunteer
	Youth Floater	Kali Boyce
Sunday June 23 PM		No Evening Service
Wednesday, June 26th	Combined	Cindy Dundalow & Lisa Witt
Sunday AM, June 30th	Age	Volunteers
	Birth	Janelle Brown & Susan Goodwin
	Cruisers	Mike & Megan Demaline
	Toddlers	Keith & April Johnson
	3 Yr Olds	Richard & Kim Lane
	Youth Floater	Rainey Cothron
Sunday, June 30th 5 PM	Combined	No Evening Service

Benevolent Committee Notes

The Benevolent Committee is a committee that is responsible for seeing to the needs of the church members in time of death, and coordinating meals in such instances, as required. We are in the process of updating our list of people that are willing to furnish food. If you would like to prepare a dish for a meal, please call Carolyn Hogue at 862-2190. If you would like to give monetary donations, we also would appreciate this. Thank you in advance.

Also, it was so nice of you, so appreciated by us. We thank you for providing food for the family of Mayben "Cootie" Evans. God bless each of you in a special way.

The Benevolent Committee



Congratulations WHBC 2013 Graduates!!

WHBC members are proud of our graduates this year and wish them the best in their future endeavors. May God walk with them each and every day in their future lives. Those graduating from high school and/or college are:

Marland Cook – Thomas Dale High School; will further his education at Old Dominion College majoring in Business Administration.

Hannah Lane- Associates Degree in Childhood Development, Liberty University.

Karmin Mitchell – graduating in June 2013, A Beka Academy - home schooled; attending Richard Bland College to receive her Associates Degree in Science. She is transferring to Virginia Commonwealth University to receive her Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Therapy.

Justin Storey – Dinwiddie High School

Happy Father's Day *June 16th*

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:6

Brotherhood Cutting Wood on
Saturday, June 1st

The Brotherhood is going to cut wood on Saturday, June 1st at Dennis Sullivan's house. We need volunteers to help. If you can load, use a chainsaw, wood splitter, any of this will help us out. We are looking for men, women, and children. If you don't know where Dennis lives, please be at the church at 8 AM. The Brotherhood will provide lunch. Thank you in advance!



Enjoy the summer. Be safe on vacations and don't forget your sunscreen and bug spray!