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Grace and Peace to you



Book Table

Rev. John E. McKenzie

"It is not the reading of many books which is necessary to make a man wise or good; but the well reading of a few, could he be sure to have the best." (Richard Baxter, *A Christian Directory*)

Christians have been known as "a people of the book" down through the centuries. Christianity was unique during its time because a book was central to all its worship and work. The Bible, the Old and New Testaments, were read aloud, interpreted and applied in early Christian worship service. In the day to day lives of Christians, they centered their lives around the Bible. Christians studied, memorized and meditated on the Bible. Today, this doesn't seem strange. However, books were not an important part of pagan religious practices in ancient times. Other religions were more about rituals than doctrine or teaching. The "bookishness" of Christianity caused some of the ancient Romans to regard it more as a philosophy instead of a religion.

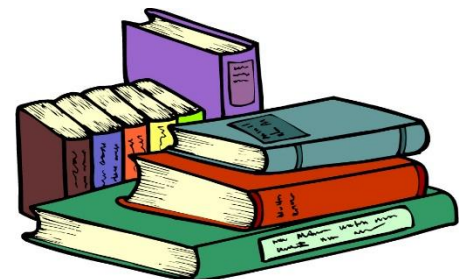
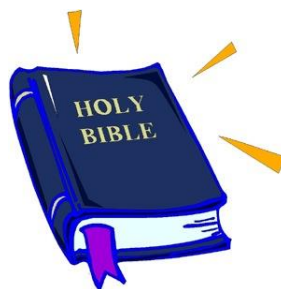
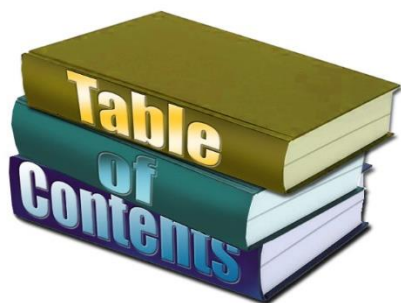
Christians should have the Bible at the center of their lives. It is the only rule for our faith and its practice. It tells us what we are to believe about God and what He requires of us. It is our special book written by God Himself.

While Christians are a people of *the book*, books in general and sound learning have always flourished wherever Christianity is found. This is part of the good legacy of Christianity. Yet, there are so many books about so many topics it can sometimes paralyze us. Furthermore, Richard Baxter advises that it's "the well reading of a few" books that makes us wise and "not the reading of many books." So, we should "be sure to have the best." If it is true of the body that "you are what you eat" and "garbage in; garbage out" is true for nutrition. It should not surprise us that a similar principle holds for the soul of man, and we should be more discerning about our diet of books.

Therefore, the session of WHPC has created a book table for the edification of our members and the education of our visitors. It is a table of books that have stood the test of time or contain the truths that have stood the test of time. In short, the session was "sure to have the best" available to you. Contact DJ Cimino if you would like to purchase one.

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Kid Mission Sunday School During The Month Of February

Sunday, January 28 starts our five week "Missions Month" at WHPC. All adult Sunday School classes will meet in the FAC to hear from visiting missionaries. Children in grades preschool-3rd will meet in room 200 (children's worship) room for "The Great Kid-Mission". They will participate in mission related music, Bible lessons, crafts and games. This is for children ages 3 years through 3rd grade. Grades 4th-12th will join the adults in the FAC for the missionary presentations.

Lunch with Mr. Mitch

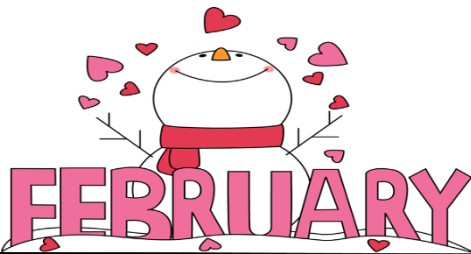
If your child is interested in having Mr. Mitch attend lunch with them, please contact him with their schedule and any other particulars. He would love to visit them at their school. You may email him at: mitchwhpc@gmail.com



Elementary Students Activity Schedules

Mr. Mitch would like to attend one of your child's special events. This could be a game, concert, recital, school assembly or something else that falls into the activity category. Please make him aware of their schedules. mitchwhpc@gmail.com

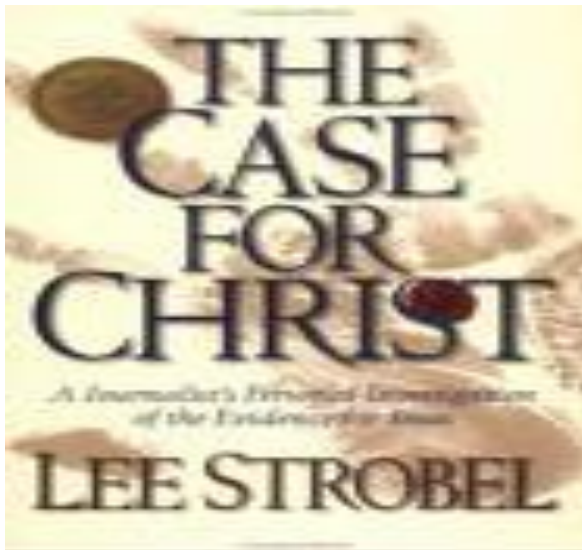




February 2018

<p>Communion is the second Sunday of every month.</p>				<p>1 Night Circle, 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>4 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Hannarose Allender Emily Cimino</p>	<p>8 Good News Club 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Lee Hively</p>	<p>10 Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m. Barry Fish Mary Zitzman</p>
<p>11 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. *Communion/ Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Chet Moore</p>	<p>12 Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m. <i>Session/Deacon Mtg. 6:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p>13 Day Circle 10:00 a.m. Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Good News Club 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Grandmothers at Prayer 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>17 Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>18 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Charles Chadwell</p>	<p>19 Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m. Blue Star Moms 6:30 p.m. Jeanne Ferrill</p>	<p>20 Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Good News Club 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>23 Joe Antol Mimi Morrison</p>	<p>24 Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>25 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Jean Moore</p>	<p>26 Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Shannon Vos</p>			<p>Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2031.</p>

February is Missions Month. Starting January 28th through February 25th there will be different Missionaries every Sunday morning during Sunday School to speak about their work. Please join us 9:00 a.m. in FAC for coffee & donuts, 9:30 a.m. presentation, then during morning worship, a Mission Moment.



**MOVIE AND DINNER NIGHT
ON FEBRUARY 9, 2018
THE WOMENS' MINISTRY
OF WHPC INVITE YOU TO
A FUN NIGHT AT WHPC.
TIME: 5:30 PM**

WHAT: DINNER- FRIED CHICKEN FURNISHED, EVERYONE BRING EITHER SALAD, VEGETABLE OR DESSERT PER LAST NAME.

WHAT ELSE: AFTER DINNER CHILDREN will go with Mr. Mitch FOR A KIDS' MOVIE AND ADULTS WILL STAY IN THE FAC TO WATCH "THE CASE FOR CHRIST". This movie is about an atheist and tries to prove there is no God to his wife, who has recently become a Christian.

OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE POP-CORN DURING THE MOVIES!!!!!!



Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board, or wall/door signs holders.

The 2018 Flower Calendar is available at the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your payment to the church marked "Flowers".

Our deepest sympathy goes out to *Joe Mont McAfee and family* upon the death of his wife, *Kane* on December 13, 2017. A memorial service was held at 1st Presbyterian Church, Saturday, December 16, with Rev. William Pender, Rev. John McKenzie, and Rev. Doug White officiating. A private graveside service was held prior to memorial service.

The church office will be closed for inclement weather if Knox County schools are closed. The church posts weather-related closings on the WBIR TV website.

November 2017 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for November: \$34,063.60
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$392,627.03

Expense

Actual Expense for November: \$38,210.55
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$408,061.80

Summary

Current Month Income Exceeds Expenses by: **(\$4,146.95)**
Year-to-date Income Exceeds Year-to-date Expenses by: **(\$15,434.77)**

December 2017 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for December: \$81,873.16
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$474,500.19

Expense

Actual Expense for December: \$45,270.55
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$453,332.35

Summary

Current Month Income Exceeds Expenses by: \$36,602.61
Year-to-date Income Exceeds Year-to-date Expenses by: \$21,167.84

Please Pray For: WHPC Family & Friends

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Judy Booth & family
Margaret Duggan
Betty Emery
Geraldine Fish
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Joe Mont McAfee & family
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Linda Mowles
Irene Price
Don & Alice Redman
Claudette & Lee Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris, wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green

(11-19-17 through 1-14-18)

Average Attendance - 130

Average Visitors Attendance - 7

The Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to church office or email at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length.

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
January 28–February 25, 2018



**"Advancing Christ's Kingdom
Throughout The World"**

9:00am–Fellowship With Donuts & Coffee

9:30am–Missions Presentation

10:50am–Morning Worship

Jan. 28–Dr. Lloyd Kim–Keynote Speaker

PCA Coordinator–MTW

Feb. 4–David Campbell–MTW

Short Term Missions

Feb. 11–Eric & Beth Yodis–Ukraine

Feb. 18–Philip & Joy Kirkland–Greece

Feb. 25–Cuba Teams



**Women's Ministry Council
2018 Officers**

President (2018)	Debbie Kinnard
President Elect (2018)	Lila Dean
Vice President	Jill Rhyne
Recording Secretary(2019)	Emily Cimino
Treasurer (2019)	Diane McNeil
Communications Chair (2018)	Faye Poston
Day Circle Chair (2019)	Linda Mowles
Night Circle Chair (2019)	Claudette Starr
Teacher, Day and Night Circle (2019)	Julie Moore
Monday Moms	Linda Mowles
Fellowship Chair (2018)	Ellen Smith
Mercy Co- Chairs (2018)	Suzanne Fowler and Joni Maples
Flower Chair (2019)	Janice Richardson
Liaison, PCA Women's Ministry (2018)	Michelle McKenzie
Home Missions Liaison	Diane McNeil
Foreign Missions Liaison (2019)	Heidi Arvin

Upcoming Events -Mark Your Calendars

February 9th, Friday – Dinner and Movie for adults and children.

There will be a dinner and a movie for the adults “Case for Christ” and “Movie with Mr. Mitch” for the children.

April 7th, Saturday – Afternoon Tea and Tour at Crescent Bend. More information will be coming later.

We hope everyone has seen the "new look" for WHPC. We are very appreciative of the new landscaping in front of the church as well as the sprucing up of other areas of our yard. A very generous and caring member of our church donated money to begin the project and with additional funds from the Women's Ministry to the Session the job was accomplished. The work was done by Scott King who has taken care of our church lawn for many years. We thank all who helped make this possible. It will be even prettier this spring. The Women's Ministry would like to thank our anonymous donor for the donation.

Missions Committee Report

“And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.” (Isaiah 12:4-5)

At West Hills Presbyterian Church, we rejoice and give thanks that He has included us in this call to not only give thanks, but also to participate in making his deeds known throughout the world. West Hills is committed to supporting the spread of His Kingdom around the world, rejoicing with thanksgiving for every opportunity to share in His work. As 2018 approaches, the Foreign Missions Committee is excited about the upcoming Foreign Missions Month.

The theme for 2018 is, **“Advancing Christ’s Kingdom Throughout the World “**. We will continue the same popular format with a different focus each week. Fellowship begins at 9 a.m. with coffee, juice, and pastries/doughnuts. A joint Sunday school will follow allowing our featured guests and missionaries to share in depth what God is doing throughout the world. We will then worship together including a brief *MISSION MOMENT*.

We begin our focus a little earlier this year as we welcome keynote speaker, Dr. Lloyd Kim, on January 28th. Dr. Kim is a PCA minister currently serving as the President and Coordinator for Mission to the World (MTW), the world’s largest Presbyterian mission organization and one through which several of our missionaries serve. Dr. Kim received his Bachelor Degree in Engineering from UC Berkley, Master of Divinity from Westminster Seminary, and Doctorate in New Testament Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. After joining MTW, he served in the Philippines, Cambodia, and Southeast Asia before assuming his current position.

On February 4th, David Campbell, Manager of Mobilization at MTW, will join us. We are encouraged by the work the Lord has done in Cuba over the past nearly two decades as many of us have travelled on short-term mission trips to Nueva Gerona or Havana. You may be either unable to or not comfortable traveling to a creative-access mission field like Cuba. MTW has many short-term mission opportunities around the world. Join us on February 4th to learn of other short-term mission opportunities.

On February 11th we welcome back our missionaries from Ukraine, Eric and Beth Yodis. Come and learn what God has done in a country that has undergone so much political strife in recent years. Also, hear what Eric has to share with us in (hopefully) both song and sermon.

February 18th brings us great news from Greece, another ever-changing landscape due to the refugee crises in Europe, as Phillip and Joy Kirkland update us on their work. As the *Gateway to Europe* for many escaping war-torn and poverty-stricken countries, Greece presents new and interesting avenues for sharing the Gospel.

On February 25th, the November 2018 Cuba Team will share stories and experiences from their recent trip to Nueva Gerona. Certainly even in our hemisphere, social and political influences have the potential to negatively influence the spread of the Gospel, except for the grace, providence and will of our Lord. Come and hear how our God will never cease to work out his plan nor fail his saints who are obedient to his calling.

The Foreign Missions Committees asks that you take time between now and February to pray for how the Lord would have you be involved in foreign missions. West Hills foreign mission support is possible only because of your meeting the nearly \$85,000 commitment we have. This support is not part of our regular church budget, but rather from FAITH PROMISE PLEDGES received during foreign missions month.

Your Foreign Mission Committee:

Richard Bowles (chair)

Laurice McCord (Financial Secretary)

Garry Chin (Secretary)

Jack Brakebill

Betty Wilson

Sharon Bowles

Ron & Jama Overton

Ron & Harriott Mitchell

Bud Kelly

Richard & Kristin Trindle

Bob Eldridge

Ruble Smith

Heidi Arvin