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Grace and Peace to you



The Response and Blessing

By John E. McKenzie

Finally, we come to the last portion of WHPC's order of worship. After the portion of the service called *The Means of Grace*, we move to the portion called *Response and Blessing*. It is the appropriate response of gratitude after hearing the Word of God read and preached.

The *Sermon* is God speaking to his people, and it is concluded with a prayer. Then, God's people respond to God in song. A *Hymn of Response* is used to express thankfulness and generally applies to the theme of the sermon.

At the conclusion of the *Hymn of Response*, the *Benediction* is pronounced. The *Benediction* is a pronouncement of God's promised blessing on his people. It is spoken to the congregation with head uplifted and eyes opened. However, this is a matter of disagreement within the history of the worship of God's people. Some believe it is a prayer. It is to be prayed the same way other prayers are prayed. The head is down and the eyes are closed. Either way, it is appropriate for the arms to be uplifted as the blessing of God is called down from heaven.

After the *Benediction*, there is a final *Response* of a choral "amen" by the choir, or a stanza of a hymn sung by the congregation. The music is normally energetic and vigorous as God's people leave corporate worship empowered by the resurrection power of Jesus for their work and witness in the world.

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21st Anniversary of the WHPC Fall Family Festival

Friday, October 27th
6:30-8:30p.m.

Your presence is needed to support WHPC's largest community event. Our 21st Annual Fall Family Festival is Friday, October 27th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Families in the community look forward to this every year and we are excited to be able to host such an exciting event. The ONLY way this is possible is when every able-bodied WHPC member and friend makes a commitment to serve at this event.

I am asking all of you to consider how you can actively support the Fall Festival this year with a couple hours of service on October 27th. I promise you that it will be a blessing! – Mitch Townley

Volunteers Needed! Be a Game Booth Attendant

Basketball
Tic/Tac/Toss
Target Shoot
Hayride Driver

Pumpkin
Horseshoe Safari
Nerf Shooter
Inflatable Moonwalk

Goliath Target
Dart Toss
Face Painting
and others!

Be an Activity Attendant

Face Painting / Gospel Bracelet
Name Necklace

Cook/Serve in the Snack Shack

Hot dogs, drinks, chips, baked goods

Help Set Up Booths/Tables on Friday Morning

We will begin at 9:30am and finish by noon.

Distribute Flyers in your Neighborhood and/or at Schools

Please contact your child's school about how we can get some flyers handed out and/or an announcement in their school newsletter. See Mitch for flyers.

Donate Candy/Baked Goods


A sign-up sheet is located on the table in church foyer
Approximately 40 volunteers are needed.





October 2017

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. WM Council Mtg Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Sharon Bowles Bill Morrison	Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m.	Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m. Shayleigh Tyler	Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m.	Good News Club 1:45 p.m. Night Circle 6:45 p.m. Ray Booth	Liz McClure	Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m. Deacon's Work Day 9 a.m. Jacob Rhyne Margaret Bell
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. *Communion/ Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m. <i>Session/Deacon Mtg. 7:00 p.m.</i>	Day Circle 10:00 a.m. Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Geraldine Fish Meg Rhyne	Good News Club 1:45 p.m. Kati Hurst	Joni Maples	Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m. Myeth Bailey
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Kim Townley	Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m. Blue Star Moms 6:30 p.m. Kristen Allender Ed Barham Keith Sowder	Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m. Molly Rhyne	Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Abigale Fish	Good News Club 1:45 p.m.	Grandmothers at Prayer 11:00 a.m. Jordan Hatfield	Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m. <i>Women's Fall Retreat 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST</i>
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Julie Moore	Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m.	Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m. Tim Rhyne	Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Children Programs 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Gordon Rhyne	Good News Club 1:45 p.m. Tammy Owsley	Fall Festival 6:30 p.m. Luke Overton	Prayer Gathering 10:00 a.m. Michael Miller
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Jack Brakebill	Monday Night Care Group 6:30 p.m. Monday Moms Group 7:00 p.m.	Lovell Rd. Care Group 7:00 p.m.		Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2031		Communion is the second Sunday of every month.

	 Jonathan Brooks					
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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 2017 Flower Calendar is available on 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".

DEACON'S CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY. There will be a church-wide work day on Saturday, October 7th, 9 a.m.-Noon. There will be several projects so as many as can help will be greatly appreciated. If you know of any projects that should be added to the list, please inform a Deacon.

We rejoice with Ben and Kristen Allender, upon the birth of their daughter Olivia Michele Allender, 7 lbs. 2oz., on September 13, 2017. Olivia's grandparents are Mitch and Karen Townley.



**Please Pray For:
WHPC Family & Friends**

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Ray Booth
Margaret Duggan
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Linda Mowles
Tammy Owsley
Irene Price
Alice Redman
Claudette 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

August 2017 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for August: \$23,848.20
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$293,876.68

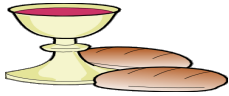
Expense

Actual Expense for August: \$35,701.78
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$299,749.74

Summary

Current Month Income Exceeds Expenses by: **(\$11,853.58)**
Year-to-date Income Exceeds Year-to-date Expenses by: **(\$5,873.06)**

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.



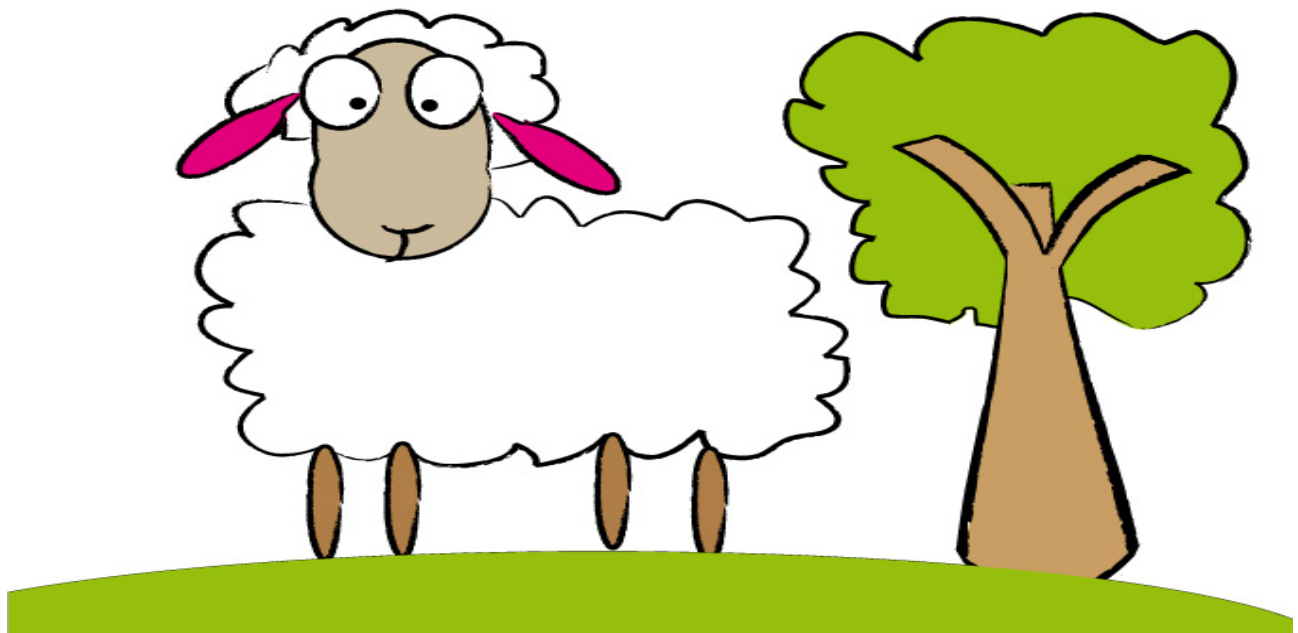
COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on October 8th.**

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**West Hills Presbyterian
Church, PCA**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

WHEN: OCTOBER 21, 2017

WHERE: The LEGENDS AT FAIRFIELD GLADE, CROSSVILLE, TN

THEME: "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP"

SPEAKER: SUZANNE FOWLER

COST: \$10.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH) TO BE PAID AT REGISTRATION IN CHURCH NARTHEX: OCTOBER 1, 8, AND 15.

TIME: LEAVE WHPC AT 9:45 P.M., RETURNING BY 3:30 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION: CHURCH VAN WILL BE USED AS WELL AS CAR POOL.

WHO: ALL WOMEN WHO ATTEND WHPC AND OUR VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FRIENDS TO THIS DAY OF FUN AND INSPIRATION.

CHURCH PICNIC

If you missed it-you missed it!!!!

Early, before 8:00 a.m., guys and gals arrived on Sunday morning, August 27 to set up for the WHPC picnic on-the-grounds. Tents were raised to provide shade and tables and chairs were rolling-rolling!

Tables were set, drinks made, food brought by members and tantalizing fried chicken arrived to drive us all crazy to be tempted-but we refrained.

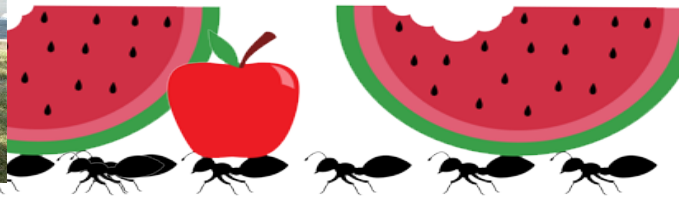
Pastor John, at the end of the morning service, gave the blessing for our "family picnic" and lots and lots of people rushed to the FAC to fill their plates and to find the perfect spot to eat.

The children were so anxious to get to the big blow-up and games (big children, too).

We were entertained by the talented voices and instruments of our guys and gal.

There were many hands that made the picnic a memorable day, the planning committee of the Women's Ministry, the good publicity in the Newsletter and by emails, our wonderful Deacons, the Session, the entertainment for adults and children, the kitchen crew, clean-up crew, those who lent tents (and put up). But most of all we thank our Lord for providing a glorious almost Fall-like day.

P.S. Be sure to check out pictures on bulletin board outside sanctuary and in this newsletter.





Be a part of the WHPC Good News Club Prayer Team.

Our 13th year of conducting an After School Good News Bible Club at West Hills Elementary began on Thursday, September 7th. Ten WHPC volunteers lead the Bible Club activities which include: small group prayer and scripture memory time, music, Bible lesson, scripture memory review games, a missionary story, and snacks. At each club, we have time of prayer for the children to share prayer requests and items of praise. A prayer and praise report is then emailed to all members of the Good News Club Prayer Team to lift up in prayer during the week. Would you be interested in being a part of this team? No training is needed but a sincere commitment is required. Please contact

CUBA MISSION TRIP NEEDS

Visa applications are into Havana and awaiting approval. The Cuba team hopes to leave October 17th for the little island. Please consider donating any of the following items for the team to carry down to our Cuban brothers and sisters in Nueva Gerona. Items may be left in the box in the Mission Hallway marked for Cuba.

Infant clothing - 0-12 month	Ibuprofen 200 mg tabs
Baby blankets and caps	Acetaminophen 500 mg tabs
AA batteries	Tums
Toothbrushes	Pepto tabs
Adult and children's vitamins (no liquids)	

Mitch Townley at: mitchwhpc@gmail.com if interested.



WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-4

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John E. McKenzie, Pastor	M-TH (9:00-4:00)
Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors	
Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministry	M-TH(9:00-4:00)
Faye Poston, Secretary	M-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary	M-TH (Various hours)
Sarah Dockery, Choir Director	

