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Grace and Peace to you



“The Heart of Being a Disciple”

Being a disciple was modeled by Jesus when he prayed, “Not my will but yours be done.” Discipleship is abandoning our self-willfulness and accepting God’s will for our lives. The surrender of our hearts to God’s control is central to following Jesus Christ.

Jesus was, is, and always will be God, Yet, he submitted to the Father’s will.

Jesus accomplished our salvation for us and modeled a life of perfect faith. As disciples of Jesus, we are his pupils, who learn all that he commanded. Also, we are followers of Jesus. We follow his example. Being a disciple requires surrendering our wills to God.

Disciples of Jesus don’t try to be self-made “kings” of their own little kingdoms asserting our right to rule. That would put us at odds with the true sovereign King of the universe. That is a war we couldn’t possibly win. Instead, disciples of Jesus bow to God’s kingship. We acknowledge his kingdom as supreme. We surrender to his wise and loving control. We yield to his plan for our lives.

Disciples of Jesus must constantly surrender to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The great preacher, theologian, and pastor Jonathan Edwards understood discipleship well. After meeting the God of heaven and earth, he said, “I have been before God, and have given myself, all that I am and have, to God; so that I am not, in any respect, my own...I have given myself clear away, and have not retained any thing as my own.” West Hills Presbyterian Church, trust God with a self-abandoning surrender. Yield to God’s will for our lives and our congregation. Then, we will understand what Jesus meant when he told the early disciples, “Come and follow me.”

Rev. John E. McKenzie

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Back To School Lock-In 2015

September 25th: 6:00pm – September 26th: 9:00am

Grades 1st- 5th. Cost: \$5.00

An overnight adventure of pizza, games, music, movies, and devotions. Be there!! Adult & High School Chaperones encouraged.

Lunch with Mr. Mitch

If your child is interested in having Mr. Mitch 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:

mitchtown@comcast.net

Elementary Students Activity Schedule:

Mr. Mitch would like to get to at least one of your child’s special activities this Fall. This could be a game, concert, recital, school assembly or something else that falls into the activity category. He has been known to attend Girl Scout programs. Please make him aware of their schedules.



Adult Sunday School

Women’s Class

Suzanne Fowler, Julie Moore
Church Parlor
By Faith Alone: A Study
The Characters of Hebrews 11

Young Adults Class

Rev. John McKenzie
Room #108
Gospel of Mark

Harvesters Class

Rev. Doug White/ Peyton Moore
Room #106
Gospel of Mark

Children and Youth Sunday School

Ages 3yrs – 1st gr. , Room #101

Mitch Townley

Grade 2-5 , Room #104

Dannell Harb

Grade 6-12, Room #206

Anne Moor/ Shirley Hedrick

Home Missions Conference

The Home Missions Committee is pleased to announce a **Home Missions Conference on Sunday morning, September 13, 2015**. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00am and the Conference will begin at 9:30am in the FAC. The Conference will be focused on our Reformed University Fellowship Ministries, the campus ministry of the PCA. Our guests will be *Matt Bowles, John Stone, Matt Howell and Lee Leadbetter*. There will be a Round Table Discussion of the problems facing and questions of college students. Rev. Matt Bowles will be preaching during the morning worship.

Immediately after Morning Worship we will have a Catered Box Lunch in the FAC. Please be sure to sign up for the box lunch by using the sign-up sheet on the foyer table. The Missionaries will be available during the lunch for questions and fellowship.

Never in the history of our country have missions been more important.

Please join us for this informative Conference and Fellowship.

Your Home Missions Committee

July 2015 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for July:	\$20,429.41
Actual Income for Year-to date:	\$250,675.70

Expense

Actual Expense for July:	\$37,433.29
Actual Expense Year-to-date:	\$220,375.76

Summary

July Expense Exceeds June Income by:	(\$17,003.88)
Year-to-date Income Exceeds Year-to-date Expenses by:	\$30,299.94

**** **The Deadline for the newsletter** is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to Faye Poston, church secretary or email her at office@westhillspres.org. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****



September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Sharon Caldwell Mark McNeil	Janet Mullins	WIC Night Circle 6:45pm		Prayer Gathering 10am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50 Prayer Gathering 6pm	 Church Office Closed	WIC Day Circle 10am	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Bob Hedrick		Cheryl Sowder	Prayer Gathering 10am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Home Missions Conference 9am Worship 10:50am *Communion Prayer Gathering 6pm Missions Box Lunch Noon Don Jackson	Monday Moms Group 10am Monday Night Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon 7pm Taylor Vos		Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm		G.A.P. 11am	Prayer Gathering 10am
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Announcements & Prayer Needs:

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It is Time for Officer Elections. Officer Nominations sheets are on the church foyer table, please read carefully and talk with the person you would like to nominate. Both of you need to sign the form and leave in box on foyer table.

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

Like to Sing? We invite anyone who wants to volunteer to sing in our WHPC sanctuary choir. The choir meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. There are Also if you can't make practice, come on Sunday mornings to choir room at 10:20am. We welcome you to join us!

The 2015 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board across from elevator. If you want to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date. Note if you are giving the flowers "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one. The cost is \$50.00. Please make your payment to the church, designated "Flowers."

Chris and Stephanie Bruffey are awaiting the arrival of their baby girl on October 8th. If you'd like to "shower" them with diapers, just drop them off in the office waiting area.



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

Clara Abercrombie
 Nancy Crocker
 Kermit & Ceola Davis
 Ray Dean
 Al Grant
 Shirley Hedrick
 Fay Hontz
 Kane McAfee
 Henry & Sandra McIlwaine
 Archie & Sue McMillan
 Betty Mills
 Bill Morrison
 Linda Mowles
 Buddy Poston
 Martha Phillips
 Alice Redman
 Keith & Cheryl Sowder
 Claudette Starr
 Robert Thio
 Mary Zitzman
 Our Elders & Deacons
 Our Church
 Our Missionaries
 Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel
 Eric Abercrombie
 Jonathan Hamilton
 Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
 Kevin Bell
 Gabe Green
 Jordan Wood
 Scott LaPanne

Check the Library at WHPC First!

Before you go and buy a new book, check out our library. You will be surprised by all the choices we have. From study resource books, fiction and non-fiction, old and new, we just may have what you are looking for! The library is located through the door to the left of the choir loft and behind the piano. To check out a book, just write your name and the date on the card in the back and drop the card in the holder on the desk counter. Please return the book within a month. For those who are already familiar with the library, please check to be sure that you do not have overdue books at home. There are several books that have been out for quite a while! So, if you need to check out the latest book by Timothy Keller or a new fiction title, visit the library first. It just might be there!

(7-26-15 through 8-16-15)

Average Attendance - 129

Average Visitors Attendance - 7



Communion is served during the morning worship hour on the second Sunday of each month.
This month Communion will be served on September 13th.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16).

WHO: All women with a desire to study God’s Word

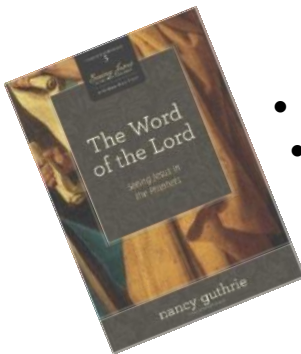
WHAT: Ongoing weekly Bible Study; Facilitator, Dannell Harb

WHEN: Beginning September 2, Wednesday mornings, 10:00 AM –Noon

WHERE: WHPC Room 106



This will be the fifth 12-week study in the series, Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament, by Nancy Guthrie. **The Word of the Lord** includes Isaiah through Malachi.



- **Hosea demonstrates true redemption**
- **Isaiah points to the Suffering Servant**
- **Daniel sees the Stone that will crush nations**
- **Ezekiel envisions The City of God**

Each class includes a video and discussion. The study book with questions will be available at the first class. Look for a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The Study book is \$8 and \$11 for spiral binding.

Bring a friend! Visitors always welcome!

For more information, call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannell Harb (584-3554)

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John E. McKenzie, Pastor	M-TH
Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors	
Mitch Townley, Director of Children’s Ministry.....	M-TH
Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....	T&TH
Faye Poston, Secretary	M-F
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....	M-TH