



Westminster Baptist Church



The Witness

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Fall Activities

Begin September 3

6:00 pm - Children's Choir

6:30 pm - Youth

6:45 pm - Preschool Choir

7:00 pm - Adult Hand Bell Choir

7:30 pm - Mission Friends

Church Family, We want to thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers. We appreciate the thoughtfulness at the time of passing of John's mother. Friends that visited us at the viewing and attended the service. John's mom was a wonderful person—she loved her God, her children and her grand and great grandchildren. She loved having them around her. She will be missed but we know she is now with Jesus. *Thank you, John & Betty Smith*

Many Thanks - My family and I would like to thank my church family for the many cards, prayers and support during the loss of our brother-in-law, Dennis Allen. Your love and kindness meant so very much. Love, *Mary Lou Hodges & family.*

To Our WBC Family: We just wanted to say thank you for the loving send-off you gave us, for the cards, gifts, and well-wishes as we begin a new ministry in Crozet, VA. Thank you also to all those who helped us with the moves, loading the truck, etc. We are forever grateful for your friendship and faith! With much love, *Pastor Chris, Angie, Nathan & Joshua Grella*

Thank you, thank you to those members who brought in coffee cans and Crystal Light containers - without you, our VBS children would not have been able to have a craft to take home and enjoy. *VBS Craft Team*

To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated. *Everett Dove & family*

Just a note to all my friends at Westminster Baptist Church. I want to thank you all for your prayers and cards. I miss you all and our fellowship together. I am hoping I should be able to be back with you all in the next few weeks or so. Till then, May God Keep you all safe and well. Love in Christ, *Ellen Mathis*

Members of Westminster Baptist Church,

Thank you for all the things you have done for Richard over the past five years. Thank you for the lovely plant, calls and attendance at his service. Gracefully, *The Entrekin Family*

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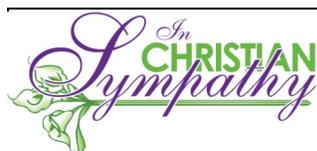
Thanks to all of my Westminster Baptist Church Family who sent me cards for my 88th birthday. Love, *Virginia Rebert (I miss all of you.)*

Dear WBC, Thank you for the gift of flowers during my recent hospitalization. They encouraged my heart and lifted my spirits. Thank you for such a loving and generous gift. In Him, *Linda Goode*



Wes & Kristy Winters are the proud parents of a little girl, **Lydia Ann** born on July 2, 2014.

Kenn and Michele Steen are excited to announce they have officially adopted **Gavin Lawrence Steen!** He is a happy and healthy two year old. Thank you for all of your prayers and support throughout the process.



Wallace Morris went home to be with the Lord on August 13, 2014, our deepest sympathy to **Leola** and her family.



Welcome back!

We missed you and your stories during the summer. We trust your vacations were everything you had hoped they'd be.

Last time I checked, God didn't take a vacation this year. He was too busy looking after us. We hope you will share some of what He has done for you in the fall. They might encourage not only your fellow church members, but also readers in other churches who are also publishing testimonies as to what God is doing in the lives of their congregation.

We look forward to working with you in the fall.

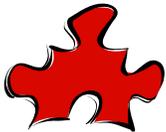
In Christ's Love, Alex Jones

Women of Grace Retreat
November 7-9, 2014

*Save the Date ~ Save Your Funds \$\$~ Plan to Join Us
Now is the time to sign up for our Retreat*

Connecting with JOY (Jesus, Others, You)

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him..." Romans 15:13a*



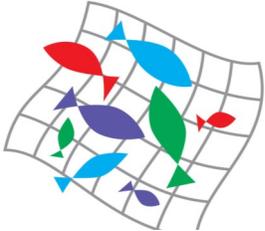
*A multi-generational time of worship, fellowship and spiritual retreat
with Guest Speaker Lallah Brilhart*

Plan on being with WBC Women of Grace on November 7-9, 2014, including a two-night stay, six meals and snacks at Middle Creek Christian Conference Retreat Center in Fairfield PA, a beautiful setting close to home and near the Gettysburg Outlets. Please check out the information on the Women of Grace Ministry Table. Sign up now until September 30, is for WBC members and regular attendees. After that date, it is possible this event may be open to others. Need more details or have questions, contact Barbara Willet, Retreat Coordinator. 443-375-2757.

**Sunday School
Teacher's Conference**

**First Baptist Church
Upper Marlboro
September 20, 8:30 AM**

**Featured Speaker:
David Frances**




Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, September 15
1:30 - 7:00 pm**

Contact Nancy Bickel (410-871-2073); Fran Miller (410-848-3738) or Terri McMichael at (410-848-8067) to schedule your life-savings donation.

The Christian Sportsman E-magazine is available to members of Westminster Baptist Church. This magazine is produced by Southern Baptists and Jim Smith is one of its contributing editors. You can read the current issue, as well as many back issues at <http://issuu.com/thechristiansportsman>. The current issue, 36e, has information about several ministry opportunities.



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	3 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	4 Noon Silver Sages' Lunch (Bullocks)	5 7:00pm Young Married Couple's Life Group	6 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner 7:00pm Candidate Q&A
7 LORD'S SUPPER 9:15am Bible Study; (Sunday school Promotion) 10:30am Combined Worship 11:30am Special Business Meeting 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir	8 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal; GROW	9 8:30am Silver Sages' Breakfast (Baughers)	10 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	11	12 7:00pm New Life for Girls	13 
14 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am BP Screening 11:00am Contemporary Worship 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir	15 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	16 7:00pm Admin Team Meeting	17 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	18	19 7:00pm Young Married Couple's Life Group	20 8:00am Fall Cleaning/Repair Day 8:30am BCM/D S.S. Training (Upper Marlboro)
21 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Bible Study 11:00am Contemporary Worship 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir	22 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	23 10:00am GROW; Women on Mission	24 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	25 9:30am Women of Grace Bible Study	26	27 2:00pm Women of Grace Treasure Hunt
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9/11 Memorial Trip to New York

Join the Silver Sages for a visit to the 9/11 Memorial on November 22, departing at 6:00 am. Cost is \$90 per adult; \$84 for Seniors (65 & over); and \$81 for children (10-17 years of age). **Payment must be made by October 22.** For more details, contact June Weakley at 410-861-3201 or jbweakley@comcast.net.





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Family Life One-Day Marriage Event "I Still Do"

Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am
Verizon Center in Washington, DC

This special event will strengthen your marriage and rekindle the romance with engaging speakers, great music, powerful worship and fun. Take time to invest in your marriage. More information is available at the Welcome Center. Seating is reserved and range from \$59 to \$89 per person. A group discount is available for groups of 10 or more people – signup at the Welcome Center.



You may be saying to yourself, who needs me and what can I do? Why don't you pick one or more from the following list? (submitted by Alex Jones)

1. **Baptist Children & Family Service** - collects item for their Christmas Shop each fall. contact Mary Reeb phone (410) 848-5652
2. **In-house Blood Drives**- set up/take down, call reminders- contact Nancy Bickle (410) 871-2073 or Frank Miller (410) 848-3738
3. **Easter Celebration/Easter Egg Hunt**- hide eggs, tell Easter Story, do crafts, make cookies, on Saturday before Palm Sunday- contact Mary Reeb (419) 848-5652
4. **Jail Ministry**- (need both men and women) – will be trained to lead devotions- once a quarter on Sundays – contact Marvin & Joyce Mather (443) 507-5250
5. **New Life for Girls**-- share in fellowship the second Friday of each month – contact Mary Reeb (410) 848-5652 or Deb Maynard (410) 857-7646
6. **Nursing Home Ministry** – Share in fellowship and program on Wednesdays- contact Phil Hooks (410) 876-2171
7. **Westminster Rescue Mission**- fellowship bakes cookies, speak, or sing on the fourth Monday every other month- contact person- Marvin Mather (443)507-5250
8. **Samaritans Purse/Operation Christmas Child** – fill boxes with goodies to be sent around the world- every Fall- contact Carol Ann Parson (410) 857-5173
9. **Shepherd Staff**-Collect items Spring & Fall, Make Easter Baskets each spring, collect school supplies late summer contact Mary Reeb (410) 848-5652
10. **Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen**- help make and serve dinner- every seven weeks- contact Mary Reeb (410) 848-5652
11. **Spring Fair**-set up/take down, man booth, first Saturday in June. Contact Vernon Hallis (410) 549-2976 or Mary Reeb (410)848-5652
12. **Support Ministry**- in house- bring in supplies, help with funeral meals- year long need- contact Mary Reeb (410) 848-5652
13. **Carroll County Food Sunday**- Westminster-- packaging foods for various size families, interact with recipients contact Linda Roy (410) 857-7926
14. **North East Social Action Thrift Store**- Hampstead, Md. –sorting donated foods for various size families. Contact Donna (410) 374-9099

September 7-14

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Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network

2014 State Missions Offering
for the Baptist Convention
of Maryland/Delaware

Women of Grace Treasure Hunt

Saturday, September 27
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Meet at lower WBC parking lot



Women will team up to hunt for clues hidden around Westminster. Each team will conduct the search by car within a specified area. The first team back to the "finish line" in the Fellowship Hall wins. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Join us for a fun afternoon adventure. Sign up at the Women of Grace table, and please invite a friend!



Women of Grace "Topsy Turvy" Tea

Saturday, October 11
1:00 - 3:00 pm
WBC Multipurpose Room

Change is in the air - the perfect time to join us for our "Topsy Turvy" Tea! Get a taste of the unexpected when you invite your family and friends for a whimsical afternoon of refreshment and fellowship. A fun experience you will not want to miss! Please sign up at the Women of Grace table by September 28. Cost is only \$10 per person (ages 12 and over).

Marriage and Family: A High Priority

Genesis 2:24 states that "...a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Marriage is a spiritual relationship first. Two have become one. Biblical marriage is a covenant, not a contract. A covenant should never be taken lightly. And prayer is the key to keeping our marriage and family life strong.

In a survey taken with church members by Family Life Today, 70% said they prayed for their kids, 35% prayed with their kids, and less than 2% of all the couples prayed daily with their spouse.

This fall and winter at WBC, we are placing a high priority emphasis on marriage and family. We are kicking off the fall season with the, "I Still Do" Conference on October. 4. Then to strengthen and maintain our couples, we are offering some topical small groups for married couples, parenting, and blended families.

The stronger our marriages and families are, the stronger our church will be. Looking forward to working closely with you in these areas of ministry.

Pastor Glen Willet



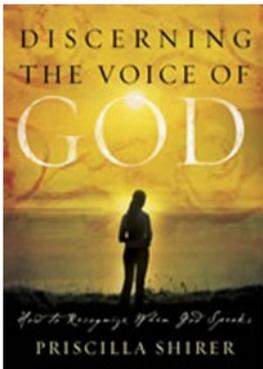


In this month's column, we are introducing two of our newest members and pray that this information will help other church members to get to know them better. May the Lord richly bless us as we serve and worship Him together.

LaVerne Moore previously attended Crosswinds Church. She has three children, whose names are Lavina, Uriah, and Naomi, and nine grandchildren; her husband is deceased. She has done missionary work as a receptionist, teacher, counselor, and nurse's assistant in the field of Christian drug and alcohol rehabilitation for New Life for Girls, Teen Challenge, and Peniel Ministries. Her hobbies are music, taking pictures, and spending time with her grandchildren. She loves getting to know people and looking for new Christian friends. She wants to be a friend to sisters and brothers in Christ and to help them in any way she can.

Ellen Mathis enjoys reading and studying the Bible and used to be an avid gardener. She has two sons named Dale and Danny, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She and her husband were married for 39 years before he died from a rare form of bone cancer. Her pet is a dog named Matty. Ellen expressed regret that she has not been able to come to church much lately. The situation is that she herself has a serious and painful esophageal condition, and her son, Dale, is awaiting a surgery date for an advanced brain tumor. She thanks everyone for their love, prayers, and concern. Before retirement, Ellen worked for the school system for 20 years as a cafeteria manager and then as a custodian. She has transferred her membership from Friendship Baptist Church.

Submitted by Ninette LeGates



Sisters in Scripture announces a 7-week Women's Bible Study "Discerning the Voice of God"

by Priscilla Shirer, Going Beyond Ministries

Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study, led by Nancy Rictor, helps participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers. You have the option of attending morning or evening sessions.

Thursday mornings: September 25 - November 6, 9:30 - 11:00 am, WBC in Room 108

Tuesday evenings: September 30 - November 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, home of Nancy Rictor

Please sign up early at the Women of Grace table so that we know how many books to order. Cost of Bible study book is \$10.95 (checks to WBC).



Mission Moments

Fall is almost upon us and when we look at the beauty of God's world with the changing leaves and flowers lets be reminded that changes need to be made in our lives. We have many ministries coming up that needs your help. This is a hurting time in our church, city and world. Will you step up and help to ease some of this hurting?

In September, we are responsible to help Shepherd's Staff to fill their blessing closet with the following items: (These items help to meet the needs of hurting people in Carroll County. Place your donated items in the Mission Barrel located in the Sanctuary Lobby.)

Powdered Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies
Dish Detergent	Toothpaste
Soap	Shampoo
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Disposable Diapers (babies & adults)	

In October, we will be filling shoe boxes for children around the world. Watch for details that will coming in our Church Bulletin and available at our Ministry Table.

Thanks to those who gave school supplies that went to Shepherd's Staff.

Mission Friends will start on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:30 pm. This is a group of preschoolers to learn about missionaries and their work. The Preschool Choir, led by Carol McNally will be held at 6:45 pm, where boys and girls will have a fun filled time of music, crafts and learning.

Women on Mission will start their meetings on Tuesday, September 23, at 10:00 am. Location to be announced.

Our church pantry is bear and we will be collecting canned and boxed goods year round to meet the needs of those in our church family. Will you help us to fill our pantry?

Remember it is each Christians duty to do God's work not just a few. Pray about what God wants you to do to make our church a ministry church.

Mary Reeb, Mission Director



Westminster Rescue Mission Benefit Concert

(sponsored by the WRM Ladies Auxiliary)

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 pm

Westminster Baptist Church

Featuring...

"Just Because" and "Gospel Travelers"

Tickets: \$10 (see Mary Reeb)



Pastor's Paragraph

On Waiting and Taking Action

Have you ever noticed in the Scriptures that many truths are like the two sides of a coin - the two truths are not contradictory, but they are complementary, they simply "go together." Here are just a few of dozens of possible instances: Jesus is God/ Jesus is man. God is just/God is merciful. God hates sin/God loves sinners.

I was thinking today of another pair of Biblical truths, that we are often called to "wait on the Lord" and at other times, called to act.

Consider a couple "waiting passages:

Psalm 27:14 (NIV) *Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV) *I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.*

And consider a couple "call to action" passages:

Esther 4:12-14 (NIV) *When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"* Esther was rightly advised by Mordecai that it was time to act to save her people.

Exodus 14:15 (NIV) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on." As the Life Application Bible notes say, "The Lord told Moses to stop praying and get moving!"

"Wait" and "get moving" are two truths on the flip sides of the same coin.

"Prayer must have a vital place in our lives, but there is also a place for action. Sometimes we know what to do, but we pray for more guidance as an excuse to postpone doing it. If we know what we should do, then it is time to get moving." - Life Application Bible.

Prayer: Lord give us the wisdom to discern when "to wait" and when "to move."

Pastor Larry

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