

## Weekly Reports

	6/01	6/08	*MTD
Sunday School Attendance	139	143	
Worship Attendance	152	172	
Budget Offering	\$11,824.09	\$7,263.27	\$21,607.36
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9091.00	*Received Month-To-Date	

### MEMBERS IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 15

**Nursery** - Mary Ann Partain, Nancy & David Frye

**Children's Church** (Ages 4-1st) - Pat Allen, Rita Worsham

**Deacon of the Week** - Steve Sorrells

### MEMBERS IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 22

**Nursery** - Gary & Collene Hall, Judith & Dave Meyer

**Children's Church** (4 thru 1st) - Annette Highley, Jeanne Mantlo

**Deacon of the Week** - Dave Stambaugh

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# The First Word

A newsletter for family and friends of Greenbrier First Baptist Church June 12, 2014

## The Main Event for Men:



The 2014 line-up is an amazing mix of leaders, soldiers, coaches, athletes, performers . . . men who have reached extraordinary levels of achievement, who all understand that the glory and recognition ultimately goes to the One who truly deserves it — Jesus Christ. We will honor and celebrate Him, as well as the soldiers who have suffered for this country, and everyday men who are fighting battles of their own. Come to be inspired, to be challenged, to be changed. Transportation included both days from the church.

**Registration Deadline: Sunday, JUNE 29 @www.greenbrierfirst.com**  
for security reasons due to special guest President George W. Bush.  
**COST: \$69** payable online by card or send a check to the church office.

**Join us Sunday morning at 10:30AM  
as we honor our men on Father's Day.**

# From Your Pastor - Nathan Washburn

## Recovering Roles: Part 2

As we continue this series of articles on the Home and Family, we are attempting to navigate the current culture shift we find ourselves in with regards to sexuality, gender, and marriage and family. The rapid currents of this cultural shift are flowing towards a pool of generic identity that suppresses and ignores the beauty of distinction between male and female. In this pool one is merely human, and biblical manhood and womanhood are not even recognized, much less celebrated.

But we know that based on Genesis 1:27 that God made male and female, both image-bearers of the Creator (1:26), but each with a distinction in how they bear that image. The primary question we have looked at in terms of the distinction of male and female is this: What does Scripture teach about the divine design of man and woman, and are there certain roles that each must play in the home and family?

## Biblical Womanhood for Wives

If we look back at the beginning of creation in Genesis when the first humans were formed, and as we look forward to Ephesians where we have specific teaching on marriage, we see some key characteristics that will help us understand biblical womanhood.

### There is a divine design in woman to be valued as equal.

In Genesis 2, after the first man is created, he is alone (2:18). God states that it is not good for man to be alone, and yet when Adam looks over all of the other created beings, he doesn't see one that would be fit for a relationship. The language that is used is that "there was not found a helper *suitable* for him." There was a longing in Adam for some-

one like him. Eve was that someone. In general, woman is that for man. She is suitable; she is equal. And she is to be valued as such.

### There is a divine design in woman to help.

From the beginning, even before the Fall, man was created to work. God had put him in the garden to cultivate it and keep it (Gen. 2:15). When woman is created, she is created as a "*helper* suitable for him." This does not necessarily mean that she was to help him cultivate and keep the garden, but it does mean that she is to help in the work. Woman, as well as man, was created to labor and find joy and reward in that labor.

### There is a divine design in woman to be the primary relationship for a man.

When the woman is brought to Adam, Scripture then states what the exclusivity of marriage looks like. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). The woman is to be the primary relationship for the man—not his father and not his mother. By this reasoning also, he should not find his primary human relationship with his son or daughter. It shall be with his wife. There is no one else that the man becomes one flesh with. In this the woman is held in great esteem—she is *it* for him.

### There is a divine design in woman to find protection in the leadership of her husband.

In Ephesians 5, we have a clear picture of the roles of the husband and wife. He is to love and give sacrificially for her, and she is to respect and submit to her husband. In joyfully respecting her husband and submitting to his leadership, she experiences protection, not

oppression. By so doing, she invites her husband to step up and lead and she trusts God with correcting her husband rather than seeking control herself. Here she finds true freedom as she fulfills her divine design and exhibits biblical womanhood.

Based on Scripture it is clear that God has created humans as male and female. As such, they each have unique designs embedded in them that equip them to serve in equally vital but beautifully different roles. The home and family flourishes when women own their design and roles. Women, be women. Be godly women

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## Thank You

Thank you for the many acts of kindness and for your prayers for our family over the last few weeks.

Danny, Annette & Julia Weeks

Thank you for all the visits, prayers and love shown to us during Mr. McGee's passing. We also want to thank all the ladies who prepared and send food for our family. It was really good and we really appreciated it. Mr. McGee loved 1st and love his church friends. Thank you for loving him.

The Leonard McGee Family

## In Sympathy

We express sympathy to Marie and Hugh Nichols on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Biggs of Dresden.

## Happy Summer!



Welcome to the hot, travel months when kids are on summer break, families take vacations and church offerings tend to slump. Please help by remembering to give faithfully. E-giving is available for regular or one-time giving online at [www.greenbrierfirst.com](http://www.greenbrierfirst.com). Click on "GIVE." Credit and debit cards and drafts are accepted. **ALSO—a large air conditioning unit (cooling the second floor) officially "bit the dust." If you'd like to give over and above your general offering to help with the expense, mark your donation "AIR". The unit will be replaced as soon as possible and is projected to cost between \$10K-\$15K.**

## Young At Heart Outing; Tuesday, June 17

The group will be visiting the TN State Museum and will tour the Wessington Exhibit and stop for lunch on the way home. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:45AM.

## "Turning of the Pig" Booth on July 3rd

Once again we will host a booth at the annual celebration. If you'd like to volunteer for an hour or two (greeting and handing our pop-sicles), please call the church office.