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"LITTLE WHITNEL" That's the name that came to me the other morning while on my way to work. What does it mean? I'd like it to refer to the mini-church that is growing on the lower level of Whitnel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Many times I refer to them as WPHC KIDS, but that morning, I chuckled as I thought of them as "Little Whitnel."

The obvious is . . . that there is a "Big Whitnel". That segment of our church is made up of YOU, the volunteers and numerous others who attend WPHC (upstairs). Often times we refer to it as "big church" when we speak of it in conversation with the children.

My question today is, "What makes YOU (a volunteer to those in "Little Whitnel") do what YOU do? I think the answer is found in this excerpt from Bill Hybel's book, "The Volunteer Revolution." He writes,

Some years ago a new staff member of our church asked me how I had the gall to ask people who are already busy at work or in the home to get involved as volunteers at church. "I mean, don't you feel guilty doing this?" he asked. "Isn't it hard to heap such a burden on people?" He had a point. But I knew of a bigger point.

"During the next few months you're going to meet people who will stand at drill presses, ten hours a day, five or six days a week. When they go home at night, few of them sense the pleasure, meaning, and purpose of life they've heard advertised in commercials for beer or computer systems. They're godly, conscientious people, and they feel thankful for their jobs. But they don't find satisfaction for their souls at the drill press. And you're going to meet fine, hardworking people in real estate who show thirty homes a week. If they're lucky one buyer will make an offer, but they're not lucky every week. Many are extroverts who love showing property

and helping families find the right home, but even then they probably don't arrive home at night filled with deep inner joy because of their latest showing. You're going to meet car dealers and stockbrokers and bricklayers and police officers and plumbers who, despite their commitment to their careers and jobs, are honest enough to admit that their secular vocation does not offer enough meaning to satisfy the deeper needs that stir in their souls. Some of them love their jobs; feel stimulated and energized by their work. Some of them even leave their workplace each day knowing that they have honored God by their work and their love for people. But few of them would say: That is what life is all about."

I looked directly into the eyes of my young friend. "You and I get to invite these people to be used by God in ways they never imagined. We have the opportunity to empower them to develop gifts they didn't know they had. We can cheer them on as they courageously assume new levels of Kingdom responsibility that fill their hearts to overflowing. And we get to see the look on their faces when they realize God has used them to touch another human being."

May I express my thanks to you, the volunteers who make things happen here at WPHC, for all you do to help those of "Little Whitnel" become the big church of tomorrow. I hope I have challenged, invited, and cheered you on as we have journeyed together on this road we call Kingdom building. Many blessings to you and your families as we continue to grow into all the God has in store for us.

VBS Thanks to all for the tremendous efforts to make this year's "Pandamania" a great success! Many children made commitments to Christ during that week. An evaluation requesting your feedback will be going out via email before the end of this month.

THANK YOU to volunteers Tom & Debbie Young (Noah & Kacey) who have sold their home and moved to Lakeland, Florida. We are saddened to see them go and will miss them greatly. ☺

BIBLE QUEST/QUIZZING: This new ministry spear-headed by Daniel & Jessie Roberts has begun meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00 in August. Approximately 20 children are involved. Twelve of those children will be attending the Bible Quest Camp on Friday & Saturday, August 26th & 27th to gain more information about bible quizzing. Fifty MP3 players will be awarded at the camp. FMI see the Roberts or Pastor Charles.

KIDS FEST Thank you for all your help! We were blessed with good weather and a great crowd from our community! Continue to pray for the children and families in our community, as well as for our teachers and schools. (Special prayer during services TBA).

WELCOME ABOARD Welcome these NEW volunteers who are serving in Children's Ministries: **Rita Walsh** (VBS), and **Sherry McCarty** (VBS). If you are interested in helping in any area of Children's Ministries, please see Pastor Charles.

MPACT GIRLS A spaghetti dinner will be served to those in attendance on Friday, August 26th in the fellowship hall as the Rainbows and Mpack girls are honored for their achievements this year. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. FMI or to help with the event, see Carol Bouchard.

PROMOTION SUNDAY Sunday, **September 11th** is designated as "Promotion Sunday". All children will promote up to their current grade level on that day.

ROYAL RANGER BANQUET The Rangers will be holding a special banquet to honor the achievements of those boys who have earned merits over the last quarter. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or see David Mikeal for more information. The date has been set for Friday, September 16th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

NURSERY SHOWER You can help by purchasing a gift for our nursery shower to be held on Sunday evening, September 18th following the evening service. You can select an item off the Nursery Shower display at the Welcome Center or shop from the "wish list" at Walmart.com. See Kim Brown or Pastor Charles FMI.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2011 An introductory meeting will be held in the Children's Church room for all parents & students interested in participating in this year's Christmas musical, "Dude, Do You Hear What I Hear?" on Sunday, September 11th at 4:30 PM. Auditions for cast members will be held the following Sunday, September 18th at 4:30 PM. Practices will begin Sunday, September 25th. While the children's choir and cast will be primarily made up of children in 5th grade and under, there are a few parts available to rising 6th graders and those older who may wish to audition. If you desire to help with the musical or FMI, please see Pastor Charles or Carol Bouchard.