

## West Hampton Baptist Church

## Church Life

Welcome Home!

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Contentment seems to be illusive in our culture... yet it is something we all desperately need to find.

We are discontent with our jobs, our situations, our relationships, and even our churches.

Yet, in Philippians 4:11, Paul tells us, "... I have learned how to be content with whatever I have."

The Greek term Paul used, translated as "content" in English, describes a state of being completely satisfied with things as they are. Paul had "learned the secret," meaning he learned the answer to finding contentment.

When Paul was writing this letter things weren't going so well for him. He was under house arrest. He had been beaten and flogged. Yet, earlier in this same chapter, he uses these words... "always be filled with joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice!"

Paul is challenging each of us to view contentment in a different light. And it's a lesson that I think we should learn to apply to our own lives.

As we continue in v.12-13 we see how he accomplishes this... "I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Paul is saying that you can have everything or nothing, you can be full or hungry, rich or in poverty.

These things don't matter. Whatever your circumstances... you can be content... if you have Jesus.

JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

The secret to being content truly isn't found in our circumstances, but is found in a person... it is found in Jesus.

So, instead of being discontent with where God has you... let us REJOICE! For in Christ we have all we could ever need.

In Christ,

Pastor Phil



## Sunday, April 14, 2023

9:00am - Bible study small groups for all ages

10:30am - Celebration Worship

<u>12 noon - 2:00pm</u>

A fun outdoor event for church family & friends! Hot dog lunch, Snow cones, Popcorn, Inflatables & more.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	2	3 <u>Dinner</u> Creamy Chicken Casserole, Side Salad Bread & Dessert	4	5 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm	6 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
7 Hearts & Hands Mtg. JOY class 11:45am	8 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Hearts & Hands Mtg. 1:30pm	Quilting Quilting Ministry 9:00am SR. ADULT LUNCH 12 NOON	10 <u>Dinner</u> Meatloaf, Scalloped potatoes, Squash & Onions, Bread & Dessert	11	12	Standing Rock Zoom Meeting 9am-4pm
14 Spring Fling 12-2PM	15 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	16	17 Dinner BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Bread & Dessert Finance Committee Mtg. 7:15pm	18 Standing Rock Meeting	19	20
21	Sew & Serve ministry 1pm  Hearts & Hands Mtg. 1:30pm	23 Quilting Ministry 9:00am	24 <u>Dinner</u> Hamburger Steak, Mashed potatoes, Green beans Bread & Dessert	25	26 Mom & Me Camp at Eagle Eyrie	27 Mom & Me Camp at Eagle Eyrie Men & Boys Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Cost \$5 in Grove
28	29	30				



When Jesus gave the Great Commission, it was a commission not just for His disciples who were physically there with Him, but it was for every believer. We are all called to make disciples everywhere, starting at home. As you have probably heard before, the original language makes it clear this is something we are to do "as we go." While some may be called to leave their homes and reach specific people groups, all are called to share the gospel along the way.

What does "along the way" mean? It means as part of your daily life. Share the gospel with your family, your neighbors, and the world wherever you go. From a phone call to a missions trip, always be prepared to give your testimony to anyone (1 Peter 3:15) along the way.



## Church-wide Mission Involvement: Local Fire & Police

Items needed:
Individual snack items

Please have in the Yellow Mission Involvement cart by Sunday, April 28.



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!**



Mark your calendar...
August 5-9, 2024

<u>Volunteers are needed!</u>
Crafts, Music, Group leaders,
Games, Design & Construction.

Sign up to help or Contact Nancy Burleson



## Welcome Spring!!!

FOR ALL SENIOR ADULTS 50+

TUESDAY, April 9, AT 12 NOON

Bring your favorite food dish to share, Invite someone to join us as we enjoy some great Food & Fun.





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR Saturday, May 18th, 2024 5PM-9PM

### 2024 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Feb 18	148	108	\$7,341.00	\$215.37
Feb 25	146	110	\$8,749.00	\$500.37
Mar 3	126	111	\$11,520.31	\$500.37
Mar 10	137	118	\$9,359.81	\$622.87

 YTD 2024 Received (Budget):
 \$82,250.37

 2024 Budgeted to Date
 \$96,908.30

 YTD 2024 Received (Heart for the House):
 \$4,532.49