

Church Life

Welcome Home!

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Inside each of us is a place that longs for more!

Let me give you some examples... If I only had more money... If I only had a better car... If I only had a bigger house... If I could just get that job... And the list goes on and on.

But what if our longing for something better began and ended with our relationships to God?

A.W. Tozer wrote in his book, "The Pursuit of God";

"I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain. ...

The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us. In its stead are programs, methods, organizations and a world of nervous activities which occupy time and attention but can never satisfy the longing of the heart. The shallowness of our inner experience, the hollowness of our worship, and that servile imitation of the world which marks our promotional methods all testify that we, in this day, know God only imperfectly, and the peace of God scarcely at all."

Psalm 42:1-2 reminds us, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O' God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?"

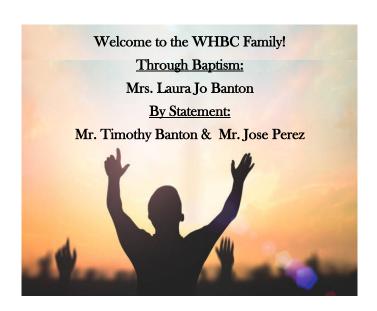
Many of us have found ourselves seeking more of this or that, within the confines of the world, but how many of us have felt the hunger pangs of wanting and needing to be in the very throne room of God.

This is the type of longing that God desires from us. A longing, so strong, that you need to find yourself before Him more than you need water and air itself.

What is it that we long for? For we all are longing for something.

In Christ,

Pastor Phil





The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of



Mission matters most. On May 14, WMU celebrates 136 years of commitment to missions. WMU's focus has been to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

Lottie Moon understood the importance of mission matters most. She wrote in one of her many letters, "How many there are...who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God." For her, mission really did matter most.

West Hampton has a great legacy of missions. Through the years we have sent teams all over the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Prayerfully consider how you can live on mission in your daily life.

Margaret Langley

WMU Director



Church-wide Mission Involvement: May & June Standing Rock Reservation Mission Trip \$25.00 Walmart, Amazon, Sam's Club, Gift cards Please give to Joanne Sweatt or Margaret Langley by June 30









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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner Fried chicken, Potato salad, Peas & Carrots Bread & Dessert	2 NATIONAL DAYOF PRAYER	3 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm	4 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
5 Hearts & Hands yarn Ministry 11:45am "Golden Lifers" Cinco de Mayo Covered dish lunch 12 noon Fellowship Hall	6 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	Church Council Meeting 6 pm	8 Dinner Sloppy Joes, Mac & Cheese, Side salad, Rolls & Dessert	9	10	11
Happy Mother's Day	Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Hearts & Hands Mgt. 1:30pm	Quilting Ministry 9:00am	Dinner Porkchops, Corn pudding, Fried apples Bread & Dessert Finance Committee mtg. 7:15pm	16	17	Armed Forces Day
19 Deacons MTG. 8AM WHBC Members Business meeting 11:30am	20 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	21	22 <u>Dinner</u> Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Bread & Dessert	23	24 YOUTH GAME NIGHT 6-12PM Fellowship Hall	25
26	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY ***	28 Quilting Ministry 9:00am	29 <u>Dinner</u> Fried Fish, Cole slaw, Tater tots, Hush puppies, & Dessert	30	31 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm	



SUNDAY, MAY 19

CHURCH MEMBERS **BUSINESS MEETING**

@ 11:30aм

(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)





SUNDAY, May 5, AT 12 NOON Fellowship Hall Fried Chicken provided, bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Invite someone to join us... for some great Food & Fun.



Friday, May 24th, 2024 6-12PM at CHURCH

> Sign up by Fri. May 17th See Ashley Guill

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!



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

6:00-8:30pm

Volunteers are needed!

Crafts, Music, Group leaders, Games, Design & Construction.

Contact Nancy Burleson

WHBC Deacon's Covered dish lunch for All Widowed and Single Adults (age 30+)

Please be the guest of our Deacons for a Springtime Luncheon and Fellowship,

Sunday, June 2, at 12:00pm

Church Fellowship Hall (following the worship service).



RSVP to Jim Wiser by May 26. (757) 876-6770

This is a covered dish meal provided by the deacons.

2024 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Mar 17	141	115	\$4,449.20	\$426.37
Mar 24	114	89	\$4,086.00	\$270.37
Mar 31	174	0	\$12,777.00	\$355.37
Apr 7	115	106	\$12,203.55	\$680.87
Apr 14	114	108	\$6,837.00	\$536.37

YTD 2024 Received (Budget)

\$122,603.12 2024 Budgeted to Date

YTD 2024 Received (Heart for the House):

\$145,362.45

\$6.801.84