



West Hampton Baptist Church *Church Life*

*Welcome
Home!*

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ASPIRATIONAL VALUES

On Wednesday nights over the past couple of months we have been talking about the future at WHBC. We began our discussion with some new concepts, language and perspectives such as the digital front door, experimental gospel communities and much more. We spent some time talking about the history of the church and the many ministry opportunities which bore fruit in the past. We highlighted a glorious past and reminisced about the ministry which brought much joy to our lives.

We then turned our attention to some present realities that don't match the glorious past and which we would all like to see returned to kingdom fruitfulness. We asked and answered some tough questions about our present and the potential realities if those issues are not addressed and changed. It has become increasingly clear that the pain of adjusting/changing some of aspects of the current ministry is lesser than the pain of potential future realities if we don't. We have all come to realize that where we are and what we are doing is not quite the realization of God's best for us.

From there we began to discuss the core values at WHBC; those values that permeate who we are and all that we do. We came to a consensus that Biblically Focused, Family Centric and Mission Minded represented those core values. Biblically focused was defined as intentionally knowing and obeying the Bible. Family Centric was defined as having a deep care for our family of faith. Mission Minded was defined as having a mind to support Gospel missions. We then asked if those values matched what we believed God wanted of us and the consensus was that they did not in whole.

That led us to begin to identify some "aspirational values." Those are goals we believe God has called us to strive for in the immediate future and which would then become our core values. These values/goals are healthy adaptations of our current core values. The first is Learning, Living and Proclaiming God's Word. The second is Equipping Families to Reach Families. The third is Every Member on Mission for God. We believe that these values represent the future of WHBC and that we have some work to do in order to reach those goals. Our hope is that every member of WHBC would commit to helping us reach these God-sized goals by praying and working to make them our reality.

Pastor Bryan

CELEBRATING AMERICA HERE AT WEST HAMPTON



Sunday Worship 10:30AM

FOLLOWD BY A FRIED CHICKEN CHURCH PICNIC IN THE GROVE

Church will provide fried chicken, drinks & desserts.

Please sign up or contact the church office to help provide sides.

Wear your Red, White and Blue for photos

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks are in order! We know it has been a long year and our patience has been tested at every turn. As such, the added measure of grace you have extended to the Pastor Search Committee the past twelve months has been so greatly appreciated. When COVID-19 drastically changed how organizations operated for the past year, we experienced many of the same hurdles. Meeting as a group larger than 10 became difficult and having a genuine opportunity to get to know potential pastoral candidates became challenging.

Your Pastor Search Committee was thrilled to be able to get back together in person this past month and reassess where we were in our process and what had transpired over the past year. We know the landscape of our country has changed because of this past year's experiences with the Coronavirus. It seems the pastoral candidate landscape was equally changed. Through some diligent research we have come to better understand some of the challenges COVID-19 posed for pastors. Studies showed that many pastors grew weary of the added burden of technology and social distancing and felt the Lord was calling them to an earlier retirement while others were forced to leave the ministry for alternative employment when churches lost significant income or closed their doors. Still others thrived in this new environment and saw new ministry opportunities begin because of the pandemic.

Ultimately, as a group, we determined to cast the net once again to see what changes had occurred in our original pool of candidates and to see what new candidates had arisen in the past year. We are steadily receiving new resumes and look forward with great anticipation to reviewing these resumes and fulfilling the roll you have called us to. Once again, thank you for your patience and your prayers. We are positive that God has been moving in a mighty way this past year and that He is faithful and sovereign in all things, especially this pastor search process. He has a candidate in store for us! Jeremiah 29:11 proclaims our reminder that God has a plan for us and that it is GOOD!

Sincerely,

Pastor Search Committee

July 2021 Upcoming Business Meeting

Dear Church Family,

As many of you have heard in recent months, West Hampton has been considering a change in our church governance structure. During our May 2021 business meeting, there was a presentation from Church Council about next steps and a suggestion was made that we needed to vote on this matter. Unfortunately, it seems there was much confusion and concern as to what we approved by this vote. This was not our intent and we would like an opportunity to remedy this at the July 18, 2021 business meeting.

Hopefully, you have each received a letter from church council attempting to better explain what transpired at the May business meeting. If not, please feel free to contact the church office and a copy can be provided to you.

We have listened to teaching, attended town hall meetings, received handouts, and have dug deeply into God's Word for His truth and understanding as it applies to Elder leadership in church. We now want to provide the opportunity to discuss this as a church body and decide how we move forward.

We ask that everyone continue to study God's Word and pray for His guidance as we prepare for this business meeting and as we seek God's will for our congregation. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family, and it is important that we allow Him to bring us together in understanding and unity.

Sincerely,

WHBC Church Council

NOTE FROM THE WHBC SAFETY TEAM:

Over the next couple of weeks, the locks to the outside doors will be changed and the only access will be thru the doors that have been set up with the card swipe system. If you currently have keys, we do not need them back as they won't be reused. Also, please ensure that if you prop open one of the doors to bring items in or take them out, it is your responsibility to make sure you close it immediately afterwards. Coordinating events with the Church office will help us to give access to the building for calendar events since we will not be loaning keys out. This will help us to keep the building safe and secure for all members.

If you have questions, please contact Eric Lucido, Robert Wigglesworth or Jim Langley.

Greetings WHBC family,

Now that our state is beginning to open up, the WMU is again moving forward with our love of Missions. We had a very successful yard sale on Saturday, June 12th here at the church. Around \$2,000. was given with some additional monetary gifts still coming in. All the money collected will go to help with the mission trip to Standing Rock. We also had enough items left over that plans are being made to hold another fundraiser sale later this year.

Many of the WMU groups are beginning to meet again on a regular basis and return to their ongoing mission projects. If you are not involved in a current group and would like to become a member, please contact Eula in the church office and she can assist you with the information about becoming a part of the missions of our church.

Yours in Christ,
Nicki Jarrad
Women's Missionary Union Director

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 9:00AM
WMU COUNCIL BREAKFAST & MEETING
AT THE HOME OF BRENDA FLOWERS



- **Saturday, Aug. 14** *All Ladies Brunch & Bagging Ministry Day 10am -12pm*
- **Saturday, Aug. 28** *Church wide interior clean up day*
- **Sunday, Sept. 12** *All ladies "Encouraging each other" luncheon at church*

Church-wide Mission Involvement:

"Loving" on the Staff of Aberdeen Elementary School (for the fall)

***Posted notes *Gum *Candy * Tissue packs *Mini hand sanitizers *Pens *Mini lotion**
Bring to the WMU Cart in the Atrium, by the Café, before July 25

Thank You

For donating all the fleece fabric & colored sidewalk chalk for the Standing Rock mission trip
"Family Kits".



Thank You

EVERYONE WHO:

- Prayed
- Donated
- Sorted
- Packed
- Moved
- Volunteered
- Cleaned up

For the Mission Yard Sale

From Will & Sarah and the Standing Rock Mission Team



July 2021

Blessed
is the nation
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
—Psalm 124



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
 <p>4 Church Service 10:30am <i>PICNIC IN THE GROVE</i> 11:30am Independence Day</p>	<p>5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 Church Council Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>7 FAMILY NIGHT AT HOME 6pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 WMU Council 9:00am Brenda Flowers</p>
<p>11 WHBC 78th Anniversary Continental Breakfast in the Atrium at 9:45am</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am</p>	<p>14 <i>Finance Comm. Mtg.</i> 5:30pm FRESH EXPERIENCES 6pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm</p>	<p>17 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am ALL TEACHERS EQUIPPING TRAINING 9am-3pm (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>18 Deacons Meeting 8am Members Business Mtg. 11:30am</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Community Service Project 6pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 FRESH EXPERIENCES 6pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

Music Ministry

What On Earth?

Remember the movie, Shenandoah, starring Jimmy Stewart? I went to see this movie at a drive-in theater in Rising Star, Texas when I was just a boy. It was a treat to have a night-out with my dad and Papaw.

During this movie was the only time I ever saw my dad cry. It was during the scene near the end of the movie when Charlie Anderson's youngest son, Boy, hobbles into a church service during the hymn singing. He had been away fighting in the Civil War and given up for dead. The reunion of this dad and son was a definite "tearjerker" for more than just my dad.

Earlier in the movie and during their unsuccessful search for Boy, there was a moment around the campfire when the question was asked of the dad why they were looking for Boy if there was no hope in finding him. The dad, Charlie Anderson, played by Jimmy Stewart replied,

"If we don't try we don't do. And if we don't do, why are we here on this Earth?"

Well, with no disrespect to the script writer, the Bible gives another answer. We are here on this Earth to glorify God!

"Praise the LORD, all you nations. Extol Him all you peoples. For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever." Psalm 117

It is a great privilege to gather as a church family to give God praise. Will you join us next Sunday for this purpose? It's why we are here on this Earth!

See you Sunday for worship,

Craig Hughes



West Hampton Baptist Church
78th Anniversary Sunday, July 11
Continental Breakfast at 9:45am
in the atrium outside of the Café.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

**CHURCH MEMBER
BUSINESS MEETING**

@ 11:30AM

**FOLLOWING THE MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICE.**



Deacons Meeting

@ 8:00am

room D227



Next Month Is Shoebox Time!

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of simple gifts
in a shoebox, with children from around the world.



www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child
Shoeboxes will be available in the Atrium starting **August 1— 29**

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2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
May 16	111	57	\$6,169.00	\$433.27
May 23	110	56	\$3,687.85	\$354.37
May 30	85	46	\$8,562.97	\$317.37
June 6	127	76	\$7,842.00	\$891.00
June 13	99	71	\$6,937.88	\$335.64

YTD 2021 Received (Budget):	\$173,006.11
2021 Budgeted to date	\$241,791.36
YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House):	\$16,149.81