

West Hampton Baptist Church

# Church Lif

<sup>Welcome</sup> Home!

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Matthew 14:22-25 - Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.

The disciples had just spent the evening feeding 5000 men plus women and children... they had done all that Jesus had asked. They had left their homes, their families, and their careers. They had just set out across the sea because Jesus Insisted that they do so. They had been as faithful and obedient as they could possibly have been?

That night must have been exhausting. They had paddled the boat for about 9 hours, in the storm of their lives. The disciples found themselves in the dark, all alone, exhausted, and in the middle of a ferocious storm. Where was Jesus? And why did they have to go through this storm?

They may have found themselves asking a couple guestions like... doesn't being obedient make us. at least, somewhat worthy of a peaceful ride across the sea? We might expect a rough road when we have done wrong... but should we struggle when we have tried to do things right? But the truth of the matter is this... the sun pours down on the just and the unjust, but so does the rain.

Jesus told us in John 16:33 - "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows."

No one is exempt from the hurt and pains of life.

Maybe, you too find yourself exhausted, hurting, or in the middle of the storm. If so, I have something you need to see about where Jesus was during the storm... He was praying.

I believe that during our toughest moments Jesus has placed Himself before the throne of God interceding on our behalf. He hasn't left us to do it on our own. Instead, He always knows where we are, how we feel, and what situations we find ourselves in.

Rest assured; He has not abandoned us during the hardships of life. And, at just the right time, we will find that He is preparing to come to us walking on the water of whatever storm you may be enduring as well.

In Christ. Pastor Phil

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: **WHBC** WHBC **CHURCH MEMBER DEACONS MEETING BUSINESS MEETING FELLOWSHIP HALL** @ 8:00AM @ 11:30AM

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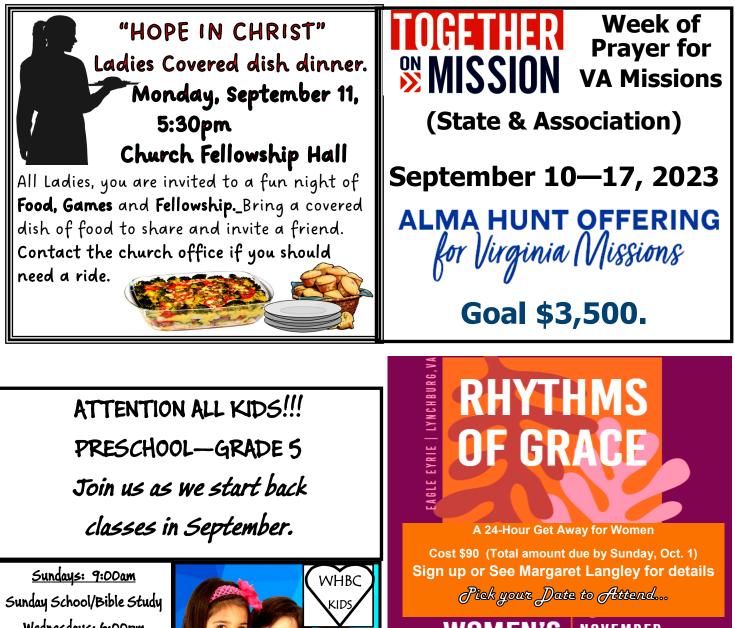
WORSHIP | BREAKOUTS | CRAFTS COMMUNITY | RETREAT | & MUCH MORE

September signifies the end of summer and the beginning of a new year in missions education. We will continue the emphasis "Hope in Christ." Our hope in Christ should fuel everything we do. The lost around us need to find their hope in Christ. This is the greatest gift we can share. How will God use us this year to bring Him glory and make His hope famous?

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We will kick-off Mission Friends for preschoolers and Children in Action for elementary aged children on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00. Our adult groups will kick-off with a covered dish dinner on Monday, September 11 at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. Our emphasis for September is on state and associational missions. Our Annie Armstrong offering goal is \$3500.

Margaret Langley WMU Director



5unday School/Bible Studi <u>Wednesdays: 6:00pm</u> Music, Missions & More (2nd floor Kids Hall)





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 10–17, Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions (Associational & State) Goal \$3,500			Jn Remembrance of September 11, 2001 Patriot Day		1 Church Office Hours 8am-12 TODAY Scrapbook Mnistry 2pm	2 Scrapbook Ministry 9am
3 Hearts & Hands Ministry 11:45am	4 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6PM	6 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Night Schedule</i> <i>Resumes</i> <u>DINNER</u> Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert	7	8	9 Deaf men's Fellowship
10 Grandparents Day	11 Jadies Covered Dish Dinner & Fun Night 5:30pm	12 Quilting Ministry 9am	13 <u>DINNER</u> Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit, & Dessert Finance Committee Mtg. 7pm	14	15	16 GOLF TOURN. 8:00am Deaf Group Fellowship 2pm FH
17 DEACONS MEETING 8AM Church Members Business mtg. 11:30am	18 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	19	20 <u>DINNER</u> Taco Salad and Dessert	21 Autumn Begins		23 t Ladies Retreat e" Sept. 22-24
24 Turn in all Shoeboxes TODAY!	25 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	26 Quilting Ministry 9am	27 <u>DINNER</u> Baked Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Bread & Dessert	28	29	<b>30</b> WMU Council Meeting 9am at Lisa Allred's Home

WHBC Worship Choir WE ARE SAVING YOU A SEAT.

Wednesdays at 7:15pm



#### Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00-10:30am Transition Time & Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service Deaf Worship

#### Wednesday Schedule

5:00 pm Family Dinner

6:00 pm Preschool Choir & Mission Friends (Preschool Hall) Kids on Missions (2nd Floor D233) Youth Group B207 (Youth Hall) Pastor's Adult Class & Time of Prayer (Fellowship Hall) Deaf Bible Study (Deaf Chapel)

7:15 pm WHBC Worship Choir Rehearsal



## Fall Golf Tournament

Supporting WHBC Youth Saturday, September 16th

4 Person Teams

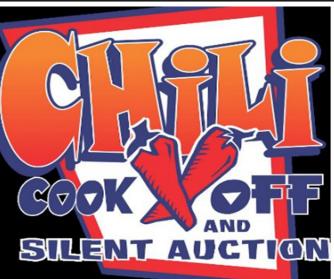
(Cost \$65.00 per person)

Includes:

18 Holes, Cart, Food & Prizes

Sign up at Church in brick hallway, make checks to WHBC

Contact Ron Kohlman cell = 907-3459



#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

11:45**AM-2PM** 

#### TICKETS -\$10

#### **KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE**

(Funds are to support WHBC Youth) Bidding on the Silent Auction will close at 1:30pm, to announce highest bid on each item.

Ticket on Sales Now Through Event! Kim DeBusk (757)869-9363 Ashley Guill (757)814-1618 Eula Parks (757)876-6281 Joanne Sweat (757) 870-3929