

### **West Hampton Baptist Church**

# Church Life

Welcome Home!

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John 16:33b tells us, "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

I have wondered sometimes what it would have been like to have been able to live at the time Adam and Eve first did. To live with no sorrows, pain, trials, or sin. But then reality sets in and I suddenly remember that I don't, and that this life can be tough.

There have been days that I just wanted to push the reset button and start all over and then there are other days that the trouble just seems to beat me down until I don't even know how I will get through it all.

But then I remember the scripture above that tells me that troubles will come, and the hardships will try to run amuck through the pages of my life. But I also remember that God has told me to take heart, because He has overcome the world.

That phrase, "take heart", means to be brave or have peace. But how can God expect us to have peace in these moments, you might ask?

We can have peace because the power of the world was defeated when Jesus went to the Cross. He broke and defeated the power of sin and death. He brought true life and ensured that the trials, sorrow and even death would not have the final say.

So, in the middle of sorrows and trials, we can take heart and have peace. Not because things are easy, but because the hard things of this life are temporary. Our peace is not in the absence of pain or troubles, but it is found in knowing Jesus!

In Christ, Pastor Phil

### "Parents Night Out"

For all kids age 2 - grade 5

Giving the Adults a Night Off!

When: Saturday, October 7 from 4:00-8:00pm.

What: A fun faith filled night with a hot meal, games, crafts, and more.

<u>SIGN UP</u>: On the Bulletin board outside of sanctuary by Sunday, October 1.





### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00-10:30am Transition / Fellowship

10:30 am Worship Service Deaf Worship

### Wednesday Schedule

5:00 pm Church Dinner

5:45 pm Deaf Bible Study

6:00 pm Pastor's Adult Bible Study & Prayer Preschool Choir & Mission Friends Children in Action (Music & Missions)

Youth Group B207

7:15pm WHBC Worship Choir Rehearsal



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 YOUTH CHILI-COOKOFF & AUCTION Budget Mtg. 3pm	2 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	3 Sr. Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am SR. ADULT LUNCH CRUISE 11:30am-2pm	Dinner: Pork loin roast, Scalloped potatoes, Asparagus or Corn, Bread & Dessert	Adult Bible study 10am Clothes give away 11am	6 Scrapbook Ministry 2pm	7 Scrapbook Ministry 9am
8 JOY Class Fellowship 11:45 (FH) Hearts & Hands Ministry 1947 11:45am	9 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	Quilting Ministry 9am Sr. Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am	11 Dinner:  Meatloaf, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Bread & Dessert  Finance Committee mtg. 7:45pm	Adult Bible study 10am Clothes give away 11am	13 CHURCH OFFICE Closing at 12 noon	14 YOUTH CAMP
15  YOUTH CAMP	16 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	17 Sr. Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am	Dinner: Chicken Divan, Side Salad, Fruit, Bread & Dessert	Adult Bible study 10am Clothes give away 11am	20	21  FALL FESTIVAL  2-5pm  Brunswick  Stew  & Hotdogs
22 2024 Budget Discussion & Vote after AM service.	23 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm  Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	24 Sr. Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am	25  Dinner: Chili & Baked Potato Bar Combread & Dessert	26 Adult Bible study 10am Clothes give away 11am	27	28
29  NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION DAY	30 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	31 Sr. Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am Quilting Ministry 9am Sr. Adult Lunch 12 noon Halloween	OR 12.00			



We are continuing this year with the emphasis "Hope in Christ." Our scripture is from Romans 12:12 – Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. What does it mean to you to have hope? It's wonderful to have hope, especially when you know what you hope for will actually happen. Sometimes, however, we hope for things that are simply not possible. So where should we turn for real hope?

One of God's greatest gifts is hope. it is our hope in Christ that convinces us He walks with us through our trials, that He carries us in times of extreme difficulty, and that He will never leave us. It is our hope that tells us there is something more than our lives here on earth. It is our hope that tells us that, even thought our lives may be complicated or even when we experience personal tragedies, Christ loves us. The hope we have is not centered on circumstances, people or even our own choices. Hope can be found in Christ alone. What a comfort this is to our hearts and minds. God is faithful and will not disappoint. We can't help but rejoice in that knowledge. We all need this hope today.

Margaret Langley WMU Director

### Church-wide Mission Involvement: Local hunger & support



# Collecting Baby Food and Pet Food

Put items in yellow WMU cart near café.



### There is still time!

Samaritan's Purse
Operation
Christmas
Child

Deadline is October 8!!!

To fill your box and bring it back to the church.

Fill a box and or donate supplies to help fill a box.

Please donate **\$10 per shoebox** to help with shipping.

Make checks payable to WHBC.





Here's the Choir rehearsal schedule: Senior Adult Choir... Tuesdays, 11:00 am WHBC Worship Choir...Wednesdays, 7:15pm Praising God through Worship and Music



Join us Tuesday, October 31st for the Senior Adult Covered dish lunch.

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We will decorate/carve

Pumpkins



## FALL FESTIVAL

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21,

- 2 4pm Hayride, Games & Inflatables
- 4 5pm Brunswick Stew & Hot Dog Meal







### Sign up for Sunday Flowers

If you would like to donate Sunday flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to recognize a time of celebration, reserve the date on the signup sheet on the welcome counter outside the Sanctuary.

Or you may call the church office 826-5772.

### 2023 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Aug 20	141	95	\$4,841.37	\$762.00
Aug 27	124	113	\$8,638.00	\$1,680.38
Sept 3	119	81	\$17,969.00	\$1,096.37
Sept 10	126	115	\$7,384.50	\$549.87

YTD 2023 Received (Budget): \$313,441.14 2023 Budgeted to Date \$345,247.00

YTD 2023 Received (Heart for the House): \$21,493.77



VBS had 44 children enrolled and over 50 adults who volunteered. It was a great week of fun while learning about protecting ourselves from the lies of Satan by putting on the Armor of God daily. God was in control of VBS and His presence was and continues to be overwhelming!!! I would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make it happen!!! God is Good – All the Time!!!!

Thank You! Nancy Burleson