



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

Welcome
Home!

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Finish Well!

As we draw near to the end of another year, we naturally reflect on the year we have had. Obviously, this year will go down as one to remember, or maybe to forget. With all that has transpired in 2020 it may be difficult to find anything good to remember. However, even in the darkest of days and most trying of times, Christians can be encouraged by the reality that we never have to do them alone. We also have the assurance that our God and King is always faithful. So, I would like to remind us of some of the ways God was faithful to us and the fruit we experienced as a result.

The first quarter of the year allowed us to witness the salvation of several souls and to celebrate their baptisms (we still have a few more to go). We also celebrated with several people as they joined our family of faith. Throughout the year we have seen many in our faith family make commitments and become more intentional about being a fully devoted follower of Christ. We have witnessed the flexibility and fluidity of ministry as we sought to serve our Lord and our community in creative ways. We have become a more Gospel focused ministry and with that has come a growing excitement about next year.

However, before we begin to look at what next year holds, let us focus on finishing 2020 well. We can finish well by maintaining a Gospel focus and a compassionate urgency to serve our community. We can finish well by continuing to be creative in our service and in our worship. We can finish well by loving one another and our neighbor as ourselves. We can finish well by following hard after Christ, even if that means doing things we have never done. We can finish well by honoring Christ in all that we do and being His hands and feet for those who need Him most.

LET'S FINISH WELL!

Bryan, Interim Pastor

Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs

I've heard various interpretations of Colossians 3:16 but the primary part of the verse is, *"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly"*. We must stay connected to God's Word in order to become more like Him and learn how to follow His path through this world.

Paul gives some great insight into corporate worship when he speaks of *psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*. As we collectively give worship and praise to our merciful LORD, it is to be done with freshness and variety.

Psalms could represent songs from scripture; *Hymns* are a type of song following a certain pattern of verses and refrains; *Spiritual Songs* could include those songs which are written out of recent personal experiences.

Everyone has personal preferences when it comes to the style of music sung in corporate worship. And that's OK! But we must be willing to set aside our preferences in order to allow another's to be satisfied.

Bottom line: God deserves our highest praise and worship. He is our Audience of one!

A Time For Giving Thanks

In recognition of the Thanksgiving season, our worship service of November 22 will be aimed at giving thanks to God for all He's done. We will sing songs of thanksgiving, witness a beautiful testimony of God's faithfulness and hear a sermon for the season from Pastor Bryan. I hope you can join us in-person or online for the time of worship. We can't thank God enough!

Christmas is Around the Corner!

It hard to believe that December will be here soon! And looking ahead, here are three important happenings to plan on:

Online Christmas Celebration – Video record your family/friends singing/playing a favorite Christmas song or carol. Submit it to the church by December 1 so the videos can be compiled to be viewed over the holidays starting at 5:00 pm on December 13.

Christmastime Fellowship – On Wednesday night, December 9, we will have a special evening for families from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Details will come a bit later.

Christmas Eve Service – Join us at 6:00 pm for a brief but meaningful time of worship on Christmas Eve which will include Communion and Candle Lighting...all done within the Covid-19 guidelines.

Gratefully in Him,
Craig Hughes



Did you know,

There are many ways to give your tithes and offerings to our church?

You can still give while you are here at church. But what if you are not here, or forgot your checkbook or offering at home and you still want to give?

You can be sure your tithe and offerings are not missed by giving through one of these other ways.

- 1) You could mail your check to the church. It will take a few days to get here and you will need a postage stamp.
- 2) You can go online to your own bank's website and set up a payment to the church, just like you would pay a utility bill. This can even be set up to be done on a reoccurring basis so your offerings will always be received on time even if you are not here. And generally there is no charge for this service to you or the church.
- 3) You can go to our church website (www.whbcnow.org) and give through the SecureGive link with a debit or credit card. This can also be setup on a reoccurring basis.
- 4) You can download the SecureGive App on your smartphone and give with a debit or credit card.
- 5) Lastly, if you are here at church and want to give but only have your debit or credit card with you. You can give at our Giving Kiosk that is mounted to the wall outside of the Sanctuary by just a swipe of your card.



WHBC MISSION SUNDAY
November 29, 2020
@ 10:30am
"MEXICO CITY"
 WMU International Missions

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
Nov. 29—Dec. 6
WHBC Offering Goal \$5,000.



WMU CALENDAR:

- November 2 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- November 6/7 & 7/8 VIRTUAL "Women's Get-Away" from Eagle Eyrie
- November 10 & 11 A Nights Welcome (off campus)
- November 29 Missions Sunday, "Mexico City"
- Nov. 29—Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Offering

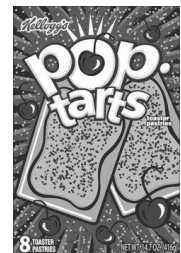
WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS:

M&M's	Monday	Nov. 2	@ Church Fellowship Hall	5:00pm
Quilting	Tuesday	Nov. 10	@ Church Sewing room	9:00am
Sisters by Heart	Monday	Nov. 16	@ Church Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Scrapbook	Friday	Nov. 20	@ Church Fellowship Hall	2:00pm
Scrapbook	Saturday	Nov. 21	@ Church Fellowship Hall	9:00am
Quilting	Saturday	Nov. 28	@ Church Sewing room	9:00am

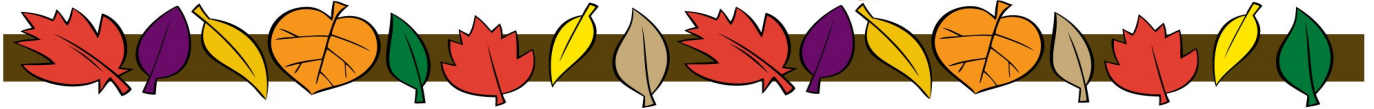
Church-wide Mission Involvement:

Items for "A Nights Welcome" breakfast bags"

- * Individual packaged Cereal or Fruit bars
- * Pop tarts
- * fruit cups
- * Boxed raisins
- * individual packaged nuts
- * Juice boxes or pouches



November



Sun

Mon








Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Set Your Clocks Back 	2  BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	3  ELECTION 2020 ELECTION DAY	4	5 Church Council meeting 6pm	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  VIRTUAL WMU Getaway	7  VIRTUAL WMU Getaway
8	9	10 QUILTING MINISTRY 9AM	11 VETERANS DAY  Finance Mtg. 6:00pm	12	13	14 Deacons Breakfast & Meeting 8:00am Fellowship Hall
15 Church members Business meeting... (after worship) -Budget Vote -2021 Calendar -2021 Stand. Comm.	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17 Staff Anniversary 27 years Church Custodian Frances Parks	18	19	20 Scrapbook Ministry 2pm	21 Scrapbook Ministry 9am
22 Giving Thanks Sunday 10:30am Service	23	24	25	26 Church Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY 	27 Church Office Closed	28 Quilting Ministry 9:00am
29 MISSIONS SUNDAY 10:30am SERVICE	30					



“A Nights Welcome”

November 10 & 11, 2020

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals, and to stay overnight.

Our Church will help once a month with this ministry through the spring of 2021. All food will be prepared here at West Hampton then taken to the Nights Welcome location.

Contact: Joanne Sweatt, for more information or to volunteer.

ADDITIONAL DATES:

December 8 & 9

January 12 & 13

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter program for the homeless in Hampton, in which area congregations rotate hospitality providing dinner and breakfast bags to go during the cold winter months. Each group provides meals and assistance for the night at a facility in downtown Hampton, once a month.

Doors open at 6 pm (1 hr earlier) and close at 7 am the next morning. Each guest has a detailed case management intake sheet completed and they are evaluated for additional services. The program currently runs 24 weeks during the coldest winter months, from October through early April.

<http://helpushelpu.org/a-nights-welcome>



Giving Thanks Sunday
Sunday, November 22,
10:30am Worship

- Singing Songs of Thanksgiving
- A Beautiful Testimony of Thanksgiving
- A Special Seasonal Sermon
- A Way for Us to be Thankful to God

Let's Give Thanks together!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
DEACON MEETING &
BREAKFAST



@ 8AM,
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

CHURCH
MEMBERS BUSINESS
MEETING
SUNDAY, NOV. 15
FOLLOWING THE
MORNING SERVICE



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GIVE
thanks
 TO THE LORD,
 FOR HE IS GOOD;
 HIS LOVE
 ENDURES
forever


PSALM 107:1

2020 Giving Back to God

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Sept 20	81	52	\$8,552.23	\$464.37
Sept 27	76	53	\$4,966.91	\$552.27
Oct 4	64	45	\$6,919.75	\$659.27
Oct 11	72	57	\$9,250.95	\$1,037.27

YTD 2020 Received (Budget): \$334,538.24
 2020 Budgeted to date \$413,375.53
 YTD 2020 Received (Heart for the House): \$29,434.17