



Church Life

Welcome Home!

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Habakkuk 1:2-4 - *How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence.*

I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

Isn't this exactly what we see playing out in front of us today. The world seems full of evil. War is raging in Ukraine and Israel. There is destruction and violence everywhere we turn, there are people who love to argue and fight over the silliest of things and even justice has become perverted. But God had a message of hope for Habakkuk and I believe He does for us as well.

In verse 5 - The Lord replied, *"Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it."*

In the middle of the mess it is always good to stop focusing on the storms around us and look around and be amazed. He is at work even in the injustices, the violence, and the pain. When we find ourselves in a world filled with darkness we need to remember that God's light shines the brightest in the darkness... So look up!

Lord, many are going through some rough times and the world has them focusing on the negatives around them. There is pain so deep and so real right now... Lord, give them the strength to look beyond the circumstances of this world. Help them this day to look to you. Please show them how amazing your works truly are. In Jesus Name, Amen!

In Christ,
Pastor Phil

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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November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner: Beef Stew, Fruit & Dessert.	2	3 Scrapbook Ministry 2pm WMUV Getaway	4 Scrapbook Ministry 9am WMUV Getaway
5 DAYLIGHT SAV- ING TIME ENDS Set Your Clocks Back! 	6  BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7 2023 ELECTION DAY  Church Council meeting 6pm	8 Dinner: Fried Chicken, Corn pudding, Cucumber Salad, Bread & Dessert	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY  Youth Giving Thanks" Day 3 -9pm Fellowship
12 Deacons Mtg. 8am (Church Breakfast) Church members Business meeting... (after worship)	13 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	14 QUILTING MINISTRY 9AM	15 Dinner: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert Finance Committee meeting, 7pm	16	17	18
19 Deaf Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall	20 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	21	22 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	23 Church Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY 	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 Celebrate Christmas Adorning the Sanctuary 6pm 	27 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	28 Quilting Ministry 9:00am Sr. Adult Lunch 12 noon 	29 Dinner: Roast Beef, Green beans, Mashed pota- toes, Bread & Dessert	30  LIFE LINE SCREENING® The Power of Prevention	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS BANQUET SAT. DECEMBER 3 6:00PM</p>  </div>	

"I'm praying for you." These four simple words bring much encouragement when we hear them spoken or receive them in a text, card, or email. On Monday, November 6, thousands of Baptist women gather to pray for one another on Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. This special day of prayer among Baptist women began in 1948, following World War II. According to the Baptist World Alliance Women's history, Baptist women in Europe promoted the first day of prayer as "a means to reunite Baptists separated by the pain and devastation of war, and to strengthen the spiritual bonds in years to come." The observance of this day quickly spread to other continents.

For more than 70 years, sisters in Christ have united in prayer for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. What a legacy to build upon as we commit once again to pray this year in homes, churches, and communities around the world!

Margaret Langley, WMU Director

Please join the ladies of Peninsula Baptist Association in this unique opportunity to join women around the world in prayer...

Monday, November 6, 2023
10:00am

Peninsula Baptist Assoc. building
863 Cloverleaf Lane



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**
December 3—10, 2023
WHBC Offering Goal \$7,000.

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE



For the giving and receiving of Christmas cards for W.H.B.C. members who are here attending church. All postage given goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Please remember these cards are not mailed out.

We should come together to worship God. God is worthy of our praise, and we honor Him when we worship together. In the Old Testament God's people were commanded to "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalm 100:4). The Bible tells us to come together to "sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

If you have visited various churches, you know they differ in the way they worship. Some are very informal in their services, others are very formal, and most are somewhere in between. Some churches stress the place of the sacraments (such as the Lord's Supper) more than others.

Is only one style of worship right and all others wrong? Of course not. One style may be more comfortable for you than another; the important thing is that it should turn your heart toward God in worship and praise. (Don't, however, look down on those who prefer other styles of worship. God is more concerned about the attitude of our hearts than the way we express it.) Worship isn't supposed to be entertainment; we don't come together to enjoy ourselves but to worship God. Jesus said, "The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks" (John 4:23). Think of that: God seeks those who will truly worship Him.

Excerpt from The Journey by Billy Graham (2006, Thomas Nelson)



"A Nights Welcome"

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter is a H.E.L.P. Program for the homeless in Hampton. Local area congregations rotate providing supper and breakfast bags (to go) once a month during the cold winter months (Nov-Mar).

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter Program will begin in November 2023.

Contact: Joanne Sweatt (757)870-3929, for more information or to help.

Items for "A Nights Welcome" breakfast bags"

***Individual packaged Cereal, Fruit bars, Muffins**

• **Pop tarts * Fruit cups* Boxed raisins**

***Pringles individual snack stacks**

***Juice boxes or pouches**



SUNDAY NOV. 12

DEACON MEETING

@ 8:00AM

ROOM D-121



**IMPORTANT
CHURCH MEMBERS
BUSINESS
MEETING**



Following the morning worship service.

CHURCH WIDE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 12, 8:00am

Church Fellowship Hall

Join us as we meet Jordan Asbury, our prospective candidate for Associate Pastor of Youth & Worship.

Thursday, November 30
in the church Fellowship Hall

LIFE LINE SCREENING
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To schedule an appointment call
1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

2023 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House
Sept 17	125	105	\$8,570.00	\$875.37
Sept 24	95	75	\$3,993.00	\$70.37
Oct 1	161	125	\$10,999.90	\$722.00
Oct 8	108	82	\$8,817.37	\$709.37
Oct 15	113	102	\$8,687.50	\$565.87

YTD 2023 Received (Budget): \$354,508.91

2023 Budgeted to Date \$391,902.00

YTD 2023 Received (Heart for the House): \$24,436.75

CHURCH FAMILY.... A gentle reminder, anytime you may borrow anything from the church building (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, tables, chairs, tablecloths, tools). **It is important that you must first go through the church office.**

LOOKING A HEAD TO DECEMBER...

Next month, we will celebrate Christmas with great joy. Some special times to anticipate are:

Saturday: December 2, 6:00 pm Church wide Christmas Banquet hosted by the Deacons.

Sundays:

- December 3, 6:00 pm **Church Family Christmas Caroling (to homebound & shut-ins)**
- December 10, 6:00 pm **WHBC Presents "The Messenger" Christmas Movie night.**
- December 17, 6:00 pm **All Choirs Christmas Cantata Preschool—Senior Adults**
- December 24, 6:00pm **Candlelight & Communion Christmas Service.**