



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

Welcome Home!

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Remembering the Christ of Christmas

Each time we draw near to the end of another year, we come to a grand celebration referred to as Christmas. For many this time of year is about vacations, parties, presents and a time of rest. For others it is a time to reflect on the year that is quickly coming to an end. For those who are a part of the body of Christ, this time of year takes on a great deal more meaning. That meaning goes well beyond our traditional expressions such as the Christmas tree and decorations, presents under the tree, carols and Christmas feasts.

Although I love all of the traditional expressions, I can easily get so caught up in the joy of those expressions that the true meaning of Christmas becomes secondary. You see, I love to decorate for Christmas, give gifts, sing and spend time with family and friends during this time of year. It seems that there is a greater sense of love and joy than at any other time of year. I am reminded of years past when memories of Christmas were made and the nostalgic feelings wash over me. I imagine that many of you feel the same way.

At the same time, all of the plans that need to be made, all of the places we need to go, all of the things we need to do can become overwhelming and exhausting. In our effort to make this Christmas the best ever we can lose sight of why we love this time of year most of all. In an attempt to create the most joyous occasion we can lose our joy for the One who is the reason for the season. When that happens, and it happens to all of us at some point, we need to be reminded of the Christ of Christmas.

The Christmas celebration is a birthday party for the One who came to give us new life and life eternal. Before Christ could go to the cross and die, be buried and rise again, He had to first enter our world by way of birth. Before the resurrection, the greatest event in all of history could take place, Christ had to enter humanity and begin His journey to the cross on our behalf. Therefore, His physical birth is the beginning of our spiritual birth! That is great news!

So let us, Christ's church, move into another Christmas season with a renewed and joyous perspective on this time of year. Let us decorate with a joy that cannot be tempered by the tiring effort it requires. Let us give gifts out of a sense of gratitude for the gift that was given to us beginning in Bethlehem. Let us sing songs of exaltation to the One who came to us so that we could draw near to Him. Let us enjoy time with family and friends born out of our love for them and because of Christ's love for us.

Let us, Christ's church, give the world a reason to contemplate the Christ of Christmas!

Pastor Bryan

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Merry Christmas From the Staff at West Hampton Baptist Church



Tis the season to celebrate JESUS!

In addition to our Sunday morning worship services, join us for a series of Christmas Celebrations at 5:00 pm on the first and third Sundays in December.

December 6...Christmas Worship

This will be a meaningful time of worship as we focus on Jesus Christ through the singing of carols and special music. And Bryan will deliver a special message for spiritual encouragement at this joyful time of the year.

December 13...Christmastime Fellowship

Unfortunately, this activity has been cancelled due to the latest Governor's order.

December 20..."Christmas Though the Ages"

A powerful video produced by the ministry of Piercing Word, this piece will inspire us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas as Piercing Word shares word-for-word from the ESV Bible.

Carols and Candlelight

If your family is available on Christmas Eve, join us in the church Sanctuary at 6:00 pm for a very meaningful time of worship and reflection as we celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Online Christmas Celebration

Covid-19 has forced us to be creative in how we do things...and this is a unique way to celebrate Jesus. Won't you make a contribution to this celebration by making a simple video on your phone or laptop of singing, playing, reading or testifying? You can upload your video easily by going to whbcnow.org/uploads.html . We will compile the contributions into a Christmas program that can be viewed online starting December 13.

Through all the business of the holiday season, remember that Jesus came for a purpose: to seek and save the lost!

Merry Christmas!

Craig Hughes



Christmas Celebrations



Evening Worship in December, 2020

5:00 pm

Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 6, Sanctuary
Carols, Special Music, Message

~~*Christmastime Fellowship Dec. 13 (*Canceled due to the Governor's latest order)~~

Christmas Through the Ages

Sunday, December 20, Sanctuary
A Video Presentation by
Piercing Word Ministries

*Christmas Eve Service
Carols and Candlelight
6:00 pm*



*Online
Christmas Celebration
On Demand
Starting December 13*

2020 END OF THE YEAR OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

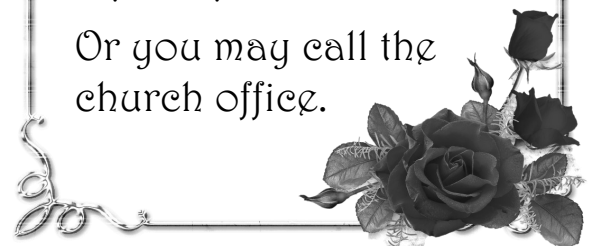
End of the year contributions for 2020 must be in the church office or mailed and postmarked no later than midnight of December 31, 2020

This would be a wonderful time to catch-up any offerings you may have missed during the year. You may call Debbie Ford on Tuesdays or Thursdays, in the church office, if you need to know what you have given so far this year.



If you would like to donate Sunday flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to recognize a time of celebration, the signup sheet is in the brick hallway on the bulletin board.

Or you may call the church office.





December 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Scrapbooking 2pm	5 Scrapbooking 9am
***** <i>Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering</i> *****						
6 Christmas Worship 5pm Vespers	7	8 Quilting Ministry 9am	9	10	11	12
13 Online Christmas Celebration Premiere 5pm	14	15	16 Finance Committee Meeting 6 pm	17	18	19
20 "Piercing Word" Video Presentation 5pm Vespers	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  Church Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26 Quilting Ministry 9am
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Church Office Closed		

Hello Mission Church Family,

With the holidays moving quickly towards us, I pray that we all will never lose focus of the true meaning of Christmas, the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of family.

A great way to share God's Love is to support missions work, not only here in the US but all over the world. Thank you to everyone who has given to The Lottie Moon International Missions Offering, with West Hampton's Goal of **\$5,000**. If you have not given as of yet, you may do so through the end of the year.

The greatest gift you can ever give is sharing the Love of Christ to those who have not heard. Help support our missionaries who do that every day.

Serving Him,
Nicki Jarrard

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE



For the giving and receiving of cards for W.H.B.C. members who are able to attend church **during the pandemic**, all postage given goes to the Lottie Moon missions offering. ***Please remember these cards are not mailed out.***

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**
November 29 — December 6
WHBC Offering Goal **\$5,000**.



WMU CALENDAR:

Nov. 29—Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Offering

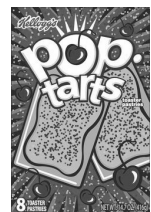
WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS:

Sisters by Heart	Monday	Dec. 14	@ Church Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
Quilting	Tuesday	Dec. 8	@ Church	9:00am
Quilting	Saturday	Dec. 26	@ Church	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



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2020 Giving Back to God

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Oct 18	88	53	\$8,537.23	\$487.37
Oct 25	93	56	\$5,310.00	\$290.27
Nov 1	95	47	\$13,272.22	\$1,038.50
Nov 8	85	53	\$8,233.10	\$752.27
Nov 15	96	53	\$4,740.00	\$317.27

*Give, and it will be given to you.
 A good measure, pressed
 down, shaken together and
 running over, will be
 poured into your lap.
 For with the measure you
 use, it will be measured to you.”
 Luke 6:38*

YTD 2020 Received (Budget): \$374,630.79
 2020 Budgeted to date \$463,787.18
 YTD 2020 Received (Heart for the House): \$32,319.85