



**West Hampton Baptist Church**  
**Church Life**

*Welcome  
Home!*

**January 2023**

Volume 66, Issue 1



How many of you dislike seeing people waste things? You just can't bear to see people throwing things out that still have a useable purpose... you can't stand to see people throw out food that could have been used to feed those in need.

To be truthful, I too don't like seeing people waste things, but more so I am heartbroken when I see people wasting their lives on things that just won't matter in the end.

Scripture has a lot to say about time and how we, as believers, are to make the most of our time. Eph. 5:15-16 tells us, *"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days."*

How we value time will determine what we choose to do with the time He has given us. The problem is, we are so easily seduced by the frills and temptations of this world that we often surrender to the temptation easier than to the Savior and His purpose for us. Consequently, we tend to view time in terms of prioritizing our own purposes, plans, and goals. Then if we have any time left over, we grudgingly use it for God's purpose for our lives.

Waste is wrong! But far worse than wasting stuff, is wasting that which God has given us to use for His purposes. What if you had \$1,440 in the bank that you had to spend every day and none of it would be carried over to the next day? Many would have no trouble spending that money wisely.

The fact is each of us has 1,440 minutes every day to use for His purpose. This year, each of us will have 8,760 hours to spend. Allowing eight hours per day for sleep and eight more for work, (not figuring in days off), it leaves 2,920 hours to use for other things. How will we use those hours that God has entrusted to us? How will we use them in light of eternity? Will we waste a significant amount of time on things that really don't matter? Or will we use it intentionally, making the most of every opportunity?

This year has already begun... we can't get back the yesterdays, but we can live this year in the light of eternity, and we can do so with His purpose above our own.

In Christ,

*Phil Richards*

**West Hampton Baptist Church 631 Aberdeen Road, Hampton , VA 23661**

**[www.whbcnow.org](http://www.whbcnow.org) phone:757-826-5772**



# JANUARY 2023

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>1 New Years Day!</b><br>Baptism Sunday,<br>& Deacon Ordination<br>Service 10:30am<br><b>Sr. Adult Lunch</b><br><i>After service</i> | <b>2 Staff Anniversary</b><br><i>Pastor Phil Richards</i><br><i>1 yr.</i><br><br><b>Church Office Closed</b> | <b>3 Church Council Meeting</b><br><b>6:00pm</b>   | <b>4 Dinner:</b><br>Spaghetti,<br>Salad<br>Bread &<br>Dessert   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6 Scrapbook Ministry</b><br><b>2:00 pm</b> | <b>7 Scrapbook Ministry</b><br><b>9:00 am</b><br><br><i>WMU Council</i><br><i>9:00 am</i> |
| <b>Youth Winter Camp Jan. 6 -8</b>   |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9 Hearts &amp; Hands Yarn Ministry</b><br><b>1:30pm</b>   | <b>10 Quilting Ministry</b><br><b>9am</b>  | <b>11 Dinner:</b><br>Baked Pork Chops,<br>Scalloped potatoes,<br>Butter beans,<br>Bread & dessert<br><b>Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm</b> | <b>12 Staff Anniversary</b><br><i>Debbie Ford</i><br><i>19 yrs.</i> | <b>13</b>                                     | <b>14</b>   |
| <b>15 Deacons Mtg. 8am</b><br><br><b>Church members business mtg. (after worship)</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">             "A Nights Welcome"<br/>             Dinner           </div> | <b>18 Dinner:</b><br>Turkey Pot Pie,<br>Dressing,<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Bread & Dessert   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>                                     | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23 Quilting Ministry 9am</b><br><br><b>Hearts &amp; Hands Yarn Ministry</b><br><b>1:30pm</b>              | <b>24</b>  | <b>25 Dinner:</b><br>Beef Stew<br>Bread &<br>Dessert  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>                                     | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31 Sr. Adult Lunch</b><br><b>12 noon</b>  |   |   |   |   |



## COVERED DISH LUNCH

Join us  
Tuesday, Jan. 31st  
12PM. for the  
Senior Adult lunch

Bring a covered dish of your choice to share along with stories and tales of your holiday season.

*We will meet on the  
4th Tuesday of each month ...*

### WHBC Inclement Weather Policy:

**On Wednesdays:**  
If the Hampton Public Schools Cancel or close early due to inclement weather, there will be NO dinner or activities.

**On Sundays:**  
A decision will be made by 5am and the message put on the office answering machine and on Facebook.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## March 10-11, 2023

### Thomas Road Baptist Church Lynchburg, VA



**Imagine a two-day event packed full of workshops, exhibits, and fun around the stuff that men love: hunting, fishing, football, motorcycles, racing, extreme sports, and other outdoor activities featuring some of the leading experts in the world.**

**COST:** \$64.00+ \$3.00 fee -General Registration  
\$54.00 +\$3.00 fee - Youth, Military, Servicemen or Retired – Basic Rate

**DEADLINE** for reservation, lodging & breakfast payment should be given to Don Ford (cash or check) **by Sunday, February 19** for reservations to be secured.

### 2022 GIVING BACK TO GOD

| Date   | Worship | Sunday School | Budget Received | Heart for the House Received |
|--------|---------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Nov 20 | 127     | 99            | \$3,980.00      | 284.37                       |
| Nov 27 | 132     | 109           | \$5,861.00      | \$2,509.37                   |
| Dec 4  | 138     | 124           | \$16,866.70     | \$723.37                     |
| Dec 11 | 158     | 108           | \$7,803.60      | \$587.37                     |

YTD 2022 Received (Budget): \$366,625.00  
 2022 Budgeted to Date \$541,161.50  
 YTD 2022 Received (Heart for the House): \$30,077.24



### DEACONS MEETING

**SUNDAY, JAN. 15**  
@ 8:00AM,  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

---

### CHURCH MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING

**SUNDAY, JAN. 15**  
@ 11:30AM  
SANCTUARY



In 2021, 326,000 Americans lived in sheltered homelessness, which refers to “people experiencing homelessness who were found in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other temporary settings.” Many people become homeless due to unforeseen circumstances, including job loss or low wages, physical or mental health changes, or sudden shifts in their homelife, such as fleeing an abusive situation.

Each of us was created in God’s image, including those living in shelters or surviving on the streets. Those of us who are believers are called to honor God by serving others in need and sharing Christ. We have the opportunity to serve the homeless community through A Night’s Welcome, a winter shelter that operates between November and March. HELP collaborates with area churches to provide our homeless neighbors with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to sleep. Contact Joanne Sweatt to see how you can support this ministry.

Margaret Langley  
WMU Director



**WMU COUNCIL: Breakfast & Meeting**

**Sat. January 7 @ 9:00am @ Eula Parks**

***Feed a Family for a Day...* Food Drive February 5—26.**

1. Fill a grocery bag with non-perishable food items for **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER.**
2. Bring your grocery bag back to the Church on a Sunday or during the week. (during office hours)



**Church-wide Mission Involvement:**

**Items for “A Nights Welcome” breakfast bags**



\* Individual packaged Cereal or Fruit bars \* Pop tarts

\* Boxed raisins \* Juice boxes or pouches \* fruit cups



*Hearts and Hands Yarn Ministry* **Beginners Knitting Class**

**Monday, January 9th & 23rd at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall**

**Class held by Carolyn Grant, Susan Norris & Elaine Jones**

