



West Hampton Baptist Church

# Church Life



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Every day, we battle with the god of self. We always seem to have everything figured out. We have all the answers for our lives. We know exactly what we need, how to get it, and what is best for us. That is until we have it all come crashing down around us. Then we want to blame God for not being God in our circumstances.

Ezekiel 28:2 - tells us, "In your great pride you claim, 'I am a god! I sit on a divine throne in the heart of the sea.' But you are only a man and not a god, though you boast that you are a god."

This was the message to the king of Tyre, but it could have just as well been written to us today.

Kyle Idleman wrote, in his book "gods at war, "The foundation of reality is that there is one God, and you are not Him. Once that's established, a choice must be made, and here it is: I know that there is the Lord God, the master of all creation. I also know there's the god of me, the pretender to the throne. But which one will we serve?"

Our problem seems to be that our pride overcomes us. We already know which way is best, so we refuse to seek God until our way has failed.

Every one of us has had to battle the "I am the god of my life" syndrome. But what if instead of seeking our will and our god-ship we allowed God to be in charge? What if instead of doing our thing until it fails we would begin with His thing for our lives in the first place? What if, instead of looking to ourselves, others, or even other things to find security, significance, hope, truth, peace, and answers we simply looked to God?

Who is on the throne? The truth of the matter is this... if you are still on the throne of your life then there isn't room for God.

In Christ,  
*Phil Richards*

## **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

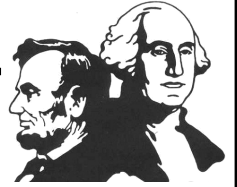
7:15pm WHBC Worship Choir Rehearsal

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# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>JAN HARVELL</b> <b>8YRS.</b> STAFF ANNIVERSARY	2 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm  Groundhog Day 	3 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
4	5	6	7  Dinner: Chicken & Rice Green Beans, Rolls	8	9	10
11  Super Bowl fellowship 6:00pm In the Fellowship Hall	12 Hearts & Hands Yarn Ministry 1:30pm	13 Quilting Ministry 9am  <b>SENIOR</b> Adult <b>LUNCH</b> 12 noon	14  Valentine's Day Dinner: Zuppa Toscana Soup, side salad, Garlic bread  FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. 7:15pm	15	16	17 Deaf Members Fellowship In the Fellowship Hall 2:00pm
18 <b>Focus on WMU Sunday</b>	19	20  "A Nights Welcome" Dinner 5:30pm	21  Dinner: Mexican Casserole, Fruit salad, Tortilla chips, Dessert	22	23	24
25	26 Sew & Serve Ministry 1pm  Hearts & Hands Yarn Ministry 1:30pm	27 Quilting Ministry 9am	28 Dinner: Baked Spaghetti Side Salad, Bread & Dessert	29		

On February 18 we celebrate what God is doing through the work of WMU. WMU's focus is on making disciples of Jesus who live on mission. Preschool and children's leaders put in a great deal of time and effort to bring missions alive for our children. Groups of all ages are engaged in learning about missions, praying for missions, supporting missions, doing missions, and telling others about Jesus.

Serving Him,  
Margaret Langley

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** WMU Focus Sunday

**Mar. 3-10<sup>th</sup>** Week of Prayer for North American Missions

### ***Feed a Family for a Day... Food Drive February 4—25.***

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).



### **SHOPPING LIST:**

**BREAKFAST:** Boxed cereal, oatmeal, packaged pastries, muffin mix, pancake mix, fruit bars, fruit cups, dried fruit.

**LUNCH:** Canned and boxed pasta, canned meat, soup, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, snack chips, dessert.

**DINNER:** Boxed pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned: meat, vegetables, canned fruit, dessert.

**EXTRA'S:** Flour, sugar, salt & pepper, oil, condiments, baby food.



**UPDATE**  
YOUR CONTACT  
INFORMATION

### ***Stay Connected with your Church Family***

Do you have a new home address or email address?

Has your phone number changed  
or did you drop your landline?

Email us at [officemgr@whbcnow.org](mailto:officemgr@whbcnow.org)

or call the church office 826-5772

Mon.—Thurs. 8am—5pm, Friday 8am—2:30pm  
to update your information .

# SENIORS

## COVERED DISH LUNCH 12PM

**Join us Tuesday, February 13th**  
for the Senior Adult Covered dish lunch.

Bring a friend and a food dish to share.

*We meet, greet and eat the 4th Tuesday of each month!*



**March 8-9, 2024**

**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.

**Hurry!!!**

**Sunday, February 18 is the DEADLINE PAYMENT!** (cash or check)

For reservation, lodging & breakfast Contact Don Ford (757) 751-4006



**Coming in April...**



**Welcome to the WHBC Family!**  
Marcia Nelson, Melinda Perez,  
Christiano Perez, Allie Jarrard

### 2023/2024 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Dec 17	159	145	\$9,008.61	\$780.37
Dec 24	146	103	\$6,364.00	\$230.37
Dec 31	133	116	\$17,793.47	\$946.00
Jan 7	124	113	\$6,609.79	\$573.15
Jan 14	151	114	\$5,859.00	\$398.37

YTD 2023 Received (Budget): \$453,487.37

2023 Budgeted to Date \$485,209.00

YTD 2023 Received (Heart for the House): \$30,768.13

YTD 2024 Received (Budget): \$12,468.75

2024 Budgeted to Date \$19,381.66

YTD 2024 Received (Heart for the House): \$971.52

**VACATION**

**BIBLE**

**SCHOOL**

**IS COMING!**



**Mark your calendar...August 5-9, 2024**

**Volunteers are needed!**

Crafts, Music, Group leaders,  
Games, Design & Construction.

**Sign up to help or  
Contact Nancy Burleson**