



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life



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Proverbs 18:13 - "Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish."

How many times have we heard something and immediately spouted off based on hearsay rather than seeking out the facts?

When I was in high school, I did this very thing. I heard something was done and said about me and in my foolishness, I ran my mouth without ever going to the person who supposedly said these things and without asking if it was true. You see, I only got part of the story, and in my anger, I did a lot of damage to the other person and to our relationship. As a result, this old friend and I haven't spoken since.

I found out that day that the old saying, "words can never hurt me", was very wrong. You see, words can indeed hurt, and I was responsible for hurting someone in ways that I never thought possible.

Do the words we speak have a direct impact on the lives of others? Absolutely, just read James 3:2-10. James tells us that the tongue is "unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

All it takes is one or two words spoken in anger, and before you know it you have offended someone, started a rumor, gossiped, criticized, or eroded a portion of their character. The bridling of our tongue takes effort, but God desires us to be aware of what we are saying and how we are saying it.

So, next time you hear something, and find yourself just reacting, remember to get all the facts... Then when you have all the facts, make certain that you control your tongue and react with love and mercy. After all, isn't this exactly what Christ has done for you.

In Christ,
Phil Richards

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00-10:30am Transition / Fellowship

10:30 am Worship Service
Deaf Worship

God Is



Love

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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FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jan Harvell 9 year Staff Anniversary
2  Hearts & Hands Yarn Ministry 11:45AM	3	4 Quilting Ministry 9 AM	5 Dinner: Chicken Casserole, Fruit, Bread & Dessert	6	7	8
9 	10	11 Quilting Ministry 9AM	12 Dinner: Rocky Mountain BBQ, Rolls, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Dessert Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:15PM	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16 Retirement Reception for Eula Parks 12:00PM	17 "A Nights Welcome" 	18 Quilting Ministry 9AM	19 Dinner: Baked Chicken Breast, Broccoli, Corn Pudding, Bread & Dessert	20	21	22
23	24	25 Quilting Ministry 9AM	26 Dinner: Mexican Casserole, Corn, Corn Bread & Dessert	27	28 Ben Corbin 7 year Staff Anniversary Scrapbooking Ministry 2PM	



Sign up for 2025 Sunday Flowers

If you would like to donate Sunday flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to recognize a time of celebration, reserve the date on the sign up sheet on the Welcome counter outside the Sanctuary. Or you may call the church office (757)826-5772

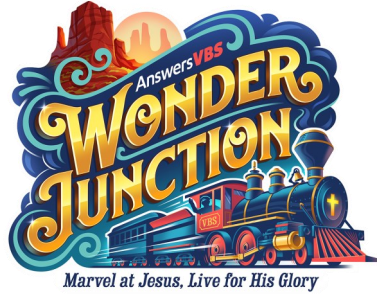
Golden Lifers

COVERED
DISH LUNCH

**CANCELLED Sunday,
February 9th**
Enjoy the Super Bowl!

We will see you in March!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

June 23-27, 2025

Volunteers are needed!

Contact Nancy Burleson or Victoria Banton in the Church office for more information

It is with sad hearts that we say "Goodbye" to Eula Parks as our office manager after January 31, 2025, and we welcome Victoria Banton with open arms! We will continue to serve with Eula as a church member and volunteer at WHBC but want to take a moment to acknowledge all she has done while serving as our office manager.

On February 16, 2025, immediately following the 10:30am worship service, we will recognize Eula for her 13+ years of service to WHBC with a reception in the fellowship hall. All our church family is invited and encouraged to join us in showing Eula how much we appreciate all she has done as office manager. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres served and a table provided with "Thank You" cards if you would like to write a personal message to Eula.

Please contact Brenda Flowers or Nancy Burleson with any questions.





2024/2025 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Dec 22	160	106	\$6,441.00	\$365.37
Dec 29	127	106	\$11,252.00	\$602.37
Dec 31			\$1,999.00	\$3,080.00
Jan 5	156	108	\$6,789.50	\$492.87
Jan 12	149	101	\$9,424.00	\$309.37

YTD 2024 Received (Budget): \$451,309.36
 2024 Budgeted to Date \$503,923.00
 YTD 2024 Received (Heart for the House): \$27,281.87

YTD 2025 Received (Budget): \$16,213.50
 2024 Budgeted to Date \$19,416.12
 YTD 2025 Received (Heart for the House): \$802.24

Leadership guru and author of *Start with Why* Simon Sinek once said, “People don’t buy what you do, they buy why you do it.” As we focus on WMU this year, we focus on the “why” — why do we do what we do? We do what we do to make disciples of Jesus who live **on mission**.

WMU makes disciples of Jesus who live on mission by:

Learning - Missions discipleship is for everyone — from preschoolers to adults. WMU provides biblically-sound learning opportunities and meaningful missions experiences for all ages.

Praying - WMU offers a [missionary prayer calendar](#) that lists International Mission Board (IMB) and North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries on their birthdays. The [Week of Prayer for North American Missions](#) held in March and the [Week of Prayer for International Missions](#) held in December provide special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries.

Supporting – WMU has helped raise more than 7 billion dollars for missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Doing and telling - WMU's Compassion Ministries offer the opportunity to directly help people throughout the world with physical and spiritual needs.

How will you join us in making disciples of Jesus who live on mission?

Margaret Langley

WMU Director

Feed a Family for a Day... Food Drive February 2—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).



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.

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.



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
or call the church office 826-5772
Monday — Friday 8am—4pm
to update your information .