#### West Hampton Baptist Church Newsletter

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Someone once said, "Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible."

Jesus tells us in John 3:16, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." Notice that "loved" is a past tense form of the word. Does this mean that God no longer loves the world? Absolutely not! Jesus was simply telling Nicodemus, and us, that God's act of love in giving His Son, as a ransom for our sin, was always His plan. In the beginning... God loved!

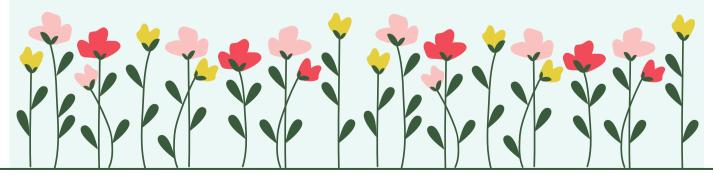
God's love did not begin at the cross of Calvary, but before the first star was ever spoken into existence. Before the world was ever given the sun and the moon; before the first birds, flowers, or trees were created on the earth, God loved.

Ephesians 1:4 tells us, "Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes."

Why would he do this? Because, before anything and everything, God knew all about us and our desperate need for Christ to die for us.

What an amazing gift! A gift made possible because, "God loved"!

In Christ, Pastor Phil



#### Church Life Issue #4

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# Wednesday Night Pinner

April 2: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Bread & Dessert April 9: Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Stuffing, Bread & Dessert April 16: Spaghetti, Side Salad, Bread & Dessert April 23: Kielbasa, Parsley Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Bread & Dessert April 30: Hamburger Steak, Rice, Gravy with/without onions, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert



Palm Sunday

Sunday School: 9:00AM Palm Sunday Worship Service: 10:30AM Preschool Singing Spring Fling: 12:00-2:00PM

### **Eastern Sunday** Sonrise Service: 8:30AM in the Grove

Breakfast: 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall Kid's Egg Hunt: 9:45AM meet outside Cafe Worship Service: 10:30AM in the Sanctuary



#### Sunday, April 13th 12PM-2PM HOT DOG LUNCH & FUN FOR ALL

During this time leading up to Easter Sunday, we reflect on the profound impact of Annie Armstrong, a champion of missions and a visionary leader whose legacy continues to inspire. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, established in 1895 by WMU, is a vital resource for the North American Mission Board (NAMB), supporting the spread of the gospel across North America. Named in 1934 to honor Annie's leadership as WMU's first national executive, the offering stands as a testament to her dedication to missions.

Annie's influence extends far beyond her time. In 1888, she played a crucial role in founding WMU, aiming to empower women to support missions through prayer, education, and giving. Her legacy continues through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, with 100 percent of gifts funding NAMB's work. This offering, along with the ministry of WMU, remains central to the mission of making disciples of Jesus who live on mission. Annie Armstrong once said, "What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ." Your support of the Annie Armstrong Offering makes you part of that glorious mission.

Manganet Langley WMU Director



# VBS June 23-27

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Come One, Come All! You don't want to miss this! Wonder Junction - A walk through the life of Christ!

Registration will open in May! Completed 1st Grade - Completed 5th Grade

If you are interested in volunteering or just looking for more information contact Nancy Burleson or Victoria Banton

#### **2025 GIVING BACK TO GOD HEART FOR** BUDGET DATE WORSHIP THE HOUSE RECEIVED RECEIVED Feb 16 172 \$4,793.00 \$452.37 Feb 23 155 \$7,611.00 \$86.37 Mar 2 142 \$17,550.00 \$933.87 March 9 115 \$15,309.08 \$129.37 YTD 2025 Received (Budget) \$95,954.16 2025 Budgeted to Date \$97,080.60 YTD 2025 Received (Heart for the House) \$ 3,718.21



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