



West Hampton Baptist Church
Church Life

*Welcome
Home!*

June 2021

Volume 64, Issue 6

THE CHURCH AMID CULTURE

During my lifespan we have endured a war waging between the Church and a global post-Christian culture. This war has been waged on both sides with attacks growing in frequency and fervor. Both sides have demonized the other and have sought no ground to engage in a fruitful conversation. I know that many Christians feel as though there is no hope of having a Gospel impact on our culture.

So, what do we do? Do we give up on reaching those caught in the grips of a post-Christian culture and maintain our enemy status? Do we ignore the reality of the ever-changing cultural climate and forge ahead as if we don't recognize such changes? Do we fight with culture in an attempt to regain perceived ground lost in this seemingly never-ending war? Do we block out the culture and focus our attention on those who have already been rescued from culture?

I would submit that all of these and many more solutions have been and are continuing to be attempted with little or no Kingdom fruit. Hundreds of books have been written which offer practical ideas of how to increase "your church's" impact on your particular culture. Churches have spent millions of dollars to learn how to be a better Gospel witness to an oppositional culture. And yet, we seem to have made no progress with our culture.

Maybe Scripture offers us a fruitful option to engaging our culture to have a kingdom impact. The Apostle Paul writes, "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside of the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside of the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, that I might share with them in its blessings (1 Cor. 9:19-23)."

So, how does that help us? I suggest that, instead of raging against oppositional culture, we seek to understand those within it and love them in spite of the culture they have embraced. Paul, and Jesus for that matter, was invited to engage with "sinners" in their element which offered the opportunity for fruitful dialogue. He chose not to claim his rights as this or that in order to meet people right where they were and to exhibit a Gospel driven love for them. The Church must learn to love people right where they are (existing in culture) instead of withholding love from those who are not where they ought to be (existing in the Kingdom). Are we willing to become all things to all people in order to save some? That is the real question for the Church in the 21st century.

WHBC, how might Christ be calling us to engage our culture? Might He be calling us to lovingly embrace a group of people who willingly choose to live outside of Christian culture, and who might be demonized by the Church at large? Might He be calling us to embrace our community in some meaningful way in spite of any perceived cultural, political or theological differences? What I do know is this, Christ is calling us to do something intentionally different in order to gain favor with those outside of the Christian community so that we might have the privilege of leading some to join us in the blessed Kingdom of God!

Pastor Bryan



A Triple Play

Many things come in groups of three. In sports there's the Triple Crown of horse racing and a three-base hit in baseball and a Triple Jump in Track & Field. Did you know there is a Triple Crossing in Richmond that is believed to be the only place in North America where three Class I railroads cross?

There is also a triple referred to in the Bible. We call it the Trinity: One God in three persons. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In our times of worship, all three are with us. The Father serves as our "audience", the Son (Jesus) made the relationship with the Father possible and the Holy Spirit moves among us to reveal, convict and encourage.

The very first hymn in our Baptist Hymnal is "Holy, Holy, Holy." (There's another triple!) The final line of the hymn says, "God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!" These are much more than just lyrics. They are spiritual truths!

We best not focus on only one Person of the Trinity but realize each is playing a divine role in our worship experience. When we meet to worship, expect to encounter each Person of the Trinity.

See you Sunday for worship!

Craig Hughes

CELEBRATING AMERICA HERE AT WEST HAMPTON

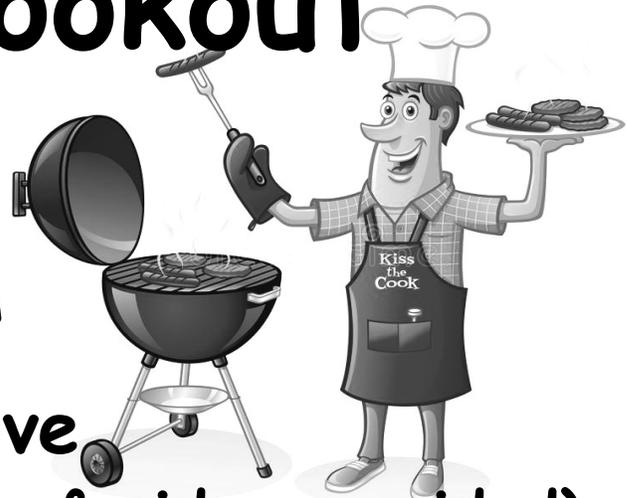


Sunday Worship with Patriotic music 10:30AM
FOLLOWED BY A FRIED CHICKEN PICNIC IN THE GROVE
(church will provide chicken, drinks & desserts, families provide sides)

You are Invited to a
**Church wide
 Summer
 Kick-off Cookout**



**Wednesday,
 June 2nd, 6pm**



**In the Church Grove
 (Hamburgers, hotdogs & sides provided)**

Reservations needed
 Please **SIGN UP**
 On the Church bulletin board
 Or call the Church office.
 by Tuesday, June 1st

HAPPY ██████████
FATHER'S
SUNDAY, JUNE 20 **DAY**
God Bless Our Dads



JUNE 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sarah Wall 5 year Staff	2 SUMMER KICK OFF COOK-OUT 6PM IN THE GROVE	3 Basic Herbalism 5-9pm	4	5
6 10:30am Graduate Recognition Service	7	8 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am	9 Fresh Experiences 6pm	10	11	12 Missions Fundraiser Rummage /Yard Sale 7:30am
13 Deaf Church 49th Anniversary Sunday	14  Flag Day	15	16 Finance Committee Mgt.5:30pm <i>Community Service Project 6pm</i>	17	18 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00pm	19 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
20 Happy Father's Day! 	21	22	23 Craig Hughes 2 yr. Staff Anniv. Fresh Experiences 6pm	24	25	26 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am
27	28	29	30 No Church PM			

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS FOR JUNE:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Basic Herb.	Thursday	June 3	Church	5:00pm	Sarah Wall
Quilting	Tuesday	June 8	Church	9:00am	Lisa Allred
M&M's	Saturday	June 12	Nicki Jarrad	10:00am	Janice Gary
Sisters by Heart	Monday	June 14	Church F.H	6:00pm	Eula Parks
Scrapbook	Fri./Sat.	June 18/19	Church F.H.	2pm / 9am	Carla Franklin
Quilting	Saturday	June 26	Church	9:00am	Lisa Allred

Church-wide Mission Involvement:

"Loving" on the Staff of Aberdeen Elementary School (for the fall)

***Posted notes *Gum *Candy * Tissue packs *Mini hand sanitizers *Pens *Mini lotion**

Bring to the WMU Cart in the Atrium, by the Café, before June 27



- **August 1—29**

Christmas in August Shoebox ministry Collections

- **Saturday, Aug. 14**

All Ladies Brunch & Bagging Ministry Day 10am -12pm

- **Saturday, Aug. 28**

Church wide interior clean up day

- **Sunday, Sept. 12**

All ladies "Encouraging each other" luncheon at church

"CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST" Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry is coming!



I am busy buying items for my shoe boxes that will go around the world making smiles for Children and letting them know "Jesus loves them". It's so easy for us to do, and will mean so much to all those Children.

Begin picking up items from the Dollar Store, Walmart and other stores as you go out to shop.

You will be able to pick up your FREE shoeboxes the first week in August, returning them by the Sunday, the 29th.

REMEMBER to include a check or cash to cover the shipping.

God bless you as you are helping His Children.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

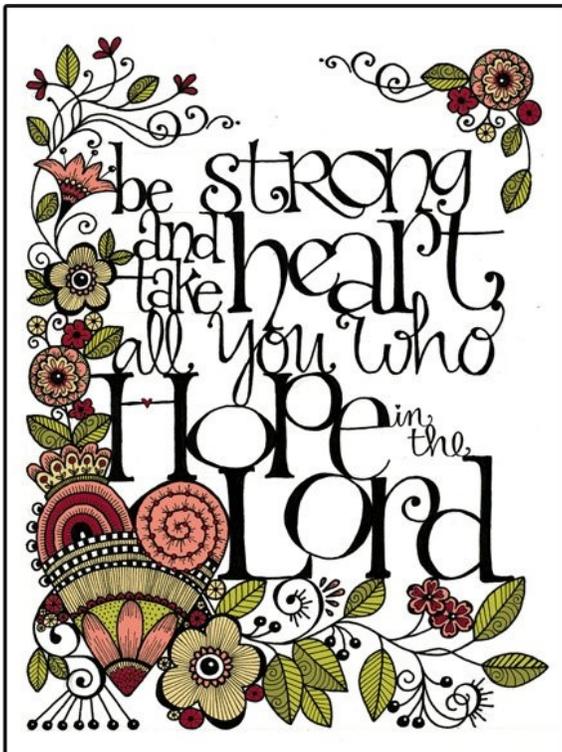
Myrtle Wilson

West Hampton Baptist Church
 631 Aberdeen Rd
 Hampton, VA 23661
 Phone: 757-826-5772
 E-mail: office@whbcnow.org
 Web Site: www.whbcnow.org

NON PROFIT ORG.
 US POSTAGE PAID
 HAMPTON, VA
 PERMIT #793

Return Service Requested

If you would like to be taken off this mailing list, please contact us.
 You can also access this Newsletter on our website.



2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
April 18	108	60	\$7,280.08	\$891.27
April 25	95	66	\$7,864.75	\$102.37
May 2	86	59	\$12,606.34	\$1,120.87
May 9	160	62	\$3,297.00	\$335.37

YTD 2021 Received (Budget):	\$139,805.68
2021 Budgeted to date	\$191,418.16
YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House):	\$13,818.16