



West Hampton Baptist Church *Church Life*

*Welcome
Home!*

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Wisdom From Above

There are two types of wisdom that we encounter in this life. There is wisdom which produces conflict and division and wisdom which produces peace and unity. There is wisdom that creates a heightened sense of self and wisdom that creates a heightened sense of God and His glory. There is wisdom that leads to bitterness and wisdom that leads to the betterment of all. The wisdom we choose to pursue will determine the life we will experience.

James, the half-brother of Jesus, tells us that the wisdom we choose to pursue and follow is apparent in the way in which we live our lives. James tells us in 3:13, "Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." In other words, wisdom from above (from God) produces meekness which is evident in one's conduct. He states that God's wisdom is, "pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace (3:17-18)."

The characteristics James identifies ought to help us recognize the source of our wisdom and that of others. If we do not see these characteristics exhibited in our own lives, then we ought to reflect on the wisdom we have chosen to follow. The promise we have is that when we choose to pursue and follow the wisdom of God, we will experience peace and righteousness even in the midst of war and depravity.

Let us choose to pursue the wisdom of God revealed to us in His Word. Let us choose to follow His wisdom even if that means wading into uncharted waters. Let us choose to follow God's wisdom and expect Him to produce in us the characteristics found in this passage from James. Let us conduct ourselves in meekness (power under control) as a product of God's wisdom reigning in our hearts and minds. Let the world, gripped by the wisdom of the world, see a people who live in the world in such a way as to demonstrate a better wisdom. Let us be the living expression of wisdom from above.

Pastor Bryan

UPDATE FROM THE WHBC SAFETY TEAM:

In order for us to keep the building safe and secure for all of our members. The locks to the outside doors have now been changed and the only access will be thru the doors that have been set up with the card swipe system. Any previous exterior building keys that you have, we do not need them back as they won't be reused. Also, please ensure that if you prop open one of the doors to bring items in or take them out, it is your responsibility to make sure you close it immediately afterwards. Coordinating events with the Church office will help us to give access to the building for calendar events since we will not be loaning keys out.

If you have questions, please contact Eric Lucido, Robert Wigglesworth or Jim Langley.

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Worship Arts

**Praising
God
Worship
Music
Media
Drama**

Whopping Wednesdays!

Due to the current status of the pandemic, your WHBC staff is being cautiously optimistic about offering Wednesday night opportunities for all age groups starting on September 15.

Our plan is to relaunch our Wednesday night schedule on that date starting at 5:00 pm with a Fellowship Meal followed by sessions for every age group.

In the meantime, there are some terrific things happening at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall for the WHBC family:

August 4, We will spend a bit of time discussing the all-important aspect of worship in the Christian life because **Worship Matters!**

August 11, We will hear a first-hand report from Will and Sarah on their very recent mission trip to **Standing Rock**, South Dakota.

August 18, We will have fun doing some **Tie-Dye** projects with all ages.

August 25, We will give some "elbow grease" energy to getting our church facility ready for the fall semester. **Together We Clean!**

Wednesday nights are a great time of church-family fellowship. Please join us next Wednesday for an encouraging boost to your Christian walk!

See you Sunday for worship,
Craig Hughes

Hey 60+ Adult singers,
It's time to Sing again.
Mark your calendar for
Tuesday, September 14th
at 11:00am



WMU CALENDAR:

- **August 14** All Ladies Brunch & Bagging Ministry Day 10am -12pm
- **September 12** Church wide covered dish "Encouraging each other" luncheon at church
- **Sept. 12—18** Week of Prayer for VA Missions (State & Association) Goal \$3,000.
- **October 22-24** Women's Retreat at "The Edge" in Spring Grove, VA (Sign – up)
(1 night + food = \$80. / 2 Nights + food =\$100., Non-refundable \$25. due Aug. 15)

It's Shoebox Time!



Samaritan's Purse
Operation



Christmas Child

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of simple gifts in a shoebox, with children from around the world.

www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Fill a box and or donate supplies to help fill a box.

Please donate **\$9 per shoebox**
to help with shipping.

Make checks payable to **WHBC.**

Return to Church by **Sun. Aug. 29**

Brunch & Bagging

Saturday, August 14,
10am-12

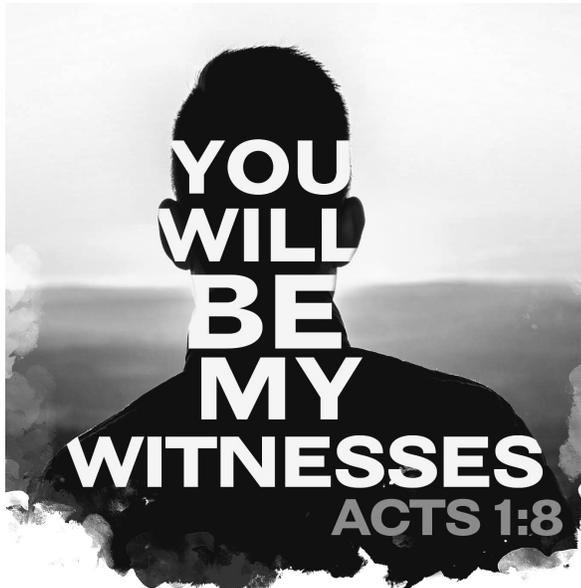
In the

Church Fellowship Hall

A Ministry Day to assemble

70 gift bags for the Staff of

Aberdeen Elementary School

**YOU
WILL
BE
MY
WITNESSES**
ACTS 1:8

ALMA HUNT OFFERING
for Virginia Missions

**Week of Prayer
for VA Missions
(State & Association)
Sept. 12—18, 2021
Goal \$3,000.**



AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>WORSHIP MATTERS</i> <i>6:00 pm</i> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	5 Basic Herbalism 5:00pm	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> <i>9:00am</i>	11 <i>Finance Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm</i> <i>Standing Rock Report</i> <i>6:00 PM</i> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	12	13	14 Brunch & Bagging Ministry 10am—12 Fellowship Hall
15	16	17	18 <i>Tie-Dye Fun Night</i> <i>6:00 pm</i> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	19	20 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00 pm	21 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
22	23	24	25 <i>Together We Clean</i> <i>6:00 pm</i> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	26	27	28 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> <i>9:00am</i>
29	30	31	<p>LOOKING AHEAD TO <i>SEPTEMBER</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to School Bash • Wednesday Night Dinners & Classes • Church Missions Lunch 			

2nd



Missions Yard Sale Saturday, October 2nd

A fundraiser for the next Standing Rock Mission Trip.

Volunteers needed to:

Set up, price items, work day of event,
clean up, and help with kids activities

Sign up at church or contact Eula Parks

Thank-you for giving \$923.00

To our 78th Church Anniversary.

All money given will go to work on our church parking lot.

Stripping old, New blacktop, Sealing, and Painting lines

You can still give a monetary gift to help with this needed project.

(The total goal needed is \$30,000.)



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*Be still
 and know
 that I am
 God*
 -PSALM 46:10

2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
June 20	124	65	\$7,170.00	\$592.37
June 27	112	90	\$6,707.73	\$884.37
July 4	122	94	\$10,086.70	\$917.37
July 11	116	91	\$3,338.85	\$459.37

YTD 2021 Received (Budget):	\$200,309.39
2021 Budgeted to date	\$282,089.92
YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House):	\$19,003.29