



# West Hampton Baptist Church *Church Life*

*Welcome  
Home!*

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Jeremiah 10:23 - "I know, Lord, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course."

Many of us have spent long, sleepless hours trying to figure out a plan for our lives. We might write out our 5-year plans, dream about our 10-year plans and even make some sort of arrangements for our retirement plans. But, even in all the planning, God's ways are so much higher and better.

What if I told you that God has always had a plan for your life? Before you were created, God had a plan to use you in some wonderful way to bring glory to His name. His plans weren't based on our thoughts or designs for our future but were based on his thoughts and designs. Jeremiah tells the Lord that we aren't even able to plan our own course.

Now don't get me or Jeremiah wrong. We can go about fulfilling our plans and designs for our lives if we want to. God will never force you to follow Him. Jeremiah was simply stating that if we want a life that has true success it will not come from us charting our own course.

Someone once said, "If you want to make God laugh, just tell Him your plans." I don't necessarily agree that He laughs at our plans, but I do believe that there are times it breaks His heart when we would rather fulfill our plans instead of following His.

You see, God's ways are so much better than even our greatest planning can bring about.

In Jeremiah 29:11, God goes on to tell us about his plan for our lives... "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Now that sounds like a plan I want to follow. How about you? So, when you go to make plans for your future let's include the Master Planner in the decision making. The outcome will be better than you could ever imagine.

Pastor Phil

## ***Church Newsletter—Final mailing***

This will be the last bulk mailing of our newsletter. We will continue to provide newsletters, but many of our congregation are now viewing it online and our number of mailings dropping below the amount necessary to keep the bulk rate.

- We will continue to make the newsletters available on our website.
- We will continue to mail them to our homebound, assisted living, and members who are unable to attend in person.
- We will also have copies available here at the church, each month, for those desiring a paper copy.

# Worship Arts

**Praising  
God  
Worship  
Music  
Media  
Drama**

Hey 55+ Adult singers,  
It's time to Sing again.  
Mark your calendar for  
Tuesday, August 9th  
at 11:00am



Stewardship gets a bad reputation. People hear the word and tend to tune out whatever follows, assuming the cost of listening will be too high. Sadly, the truth about stewardship has become a buried treasure. It is, at its very heart, not about what you and I do on this earth. Stewardship is about who God is and the people He yearns for us to become for all eternity.

We are called to fill a distinct role in Christ, as individuals of deep Christ-like character, who place the needs of others before our own desires, all while being obedient in spite of the high price, worshipping the One who owns it all, and recognizing that it is our privilege to spread the gospel as we become the Christ-followers He created us to be.

If that sentence seems like a lot, then we're just beginning to scratch the surface of stewardship, because our God is more than we can comprehend. He's big. He's complex. His infinite wisdom completely overshadows our meager understanding. And yet He values us still. He created the world and entrusted it to us. The Master of the universe placed His handiwork into our feeble hands.

Our omniscient, omnipotent Father wants for nothing. He does not need our help to shepherd His achievements. And yet He appointed us as rulers with Him and desires to equip us in every way to steward His masterpiece – of which we ourselves are the crowning glory.

God's Word is rife with illustrations of what it means to be a steward. We can draw inspiration from the examples of faithful, wise and effective stewards found in the pages of scripture and we can learn from the gracious and merciful justice God imparted as discipline upon those who were not.

Join us for the next few weeks as we prepare our hearts to more fully understand our calling as stewards and, ultimately, what stewardship says about God.

This month we celebrate Christmas in August by supporting Operation Christmas Child. **Operation Christmas Child** delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. Boxes will be available in the atrium, You can pick one up and bring it back by Sunday, September 11.

Margaret Langley  
WMU Director

## "HOPE IN CHRIST"

**Covered dish dinner.**

Monday, September 12, 5:30pm

Church Fellowship Hall

All Ladies, you are invited to a fun night of food, fun and fellowship.



## WMU CALENDAR:

- **September 12 "Hope In Christ"**  
**All Ladies covered dish dinner.**
- **Sept. 11—18 Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions, Goal \$3,000.**  
**(State & Association)**

## It's Shoebox Time!



Samaritan's Purse

**Operation**

**Christmas Child**

August 1- 31, 2022



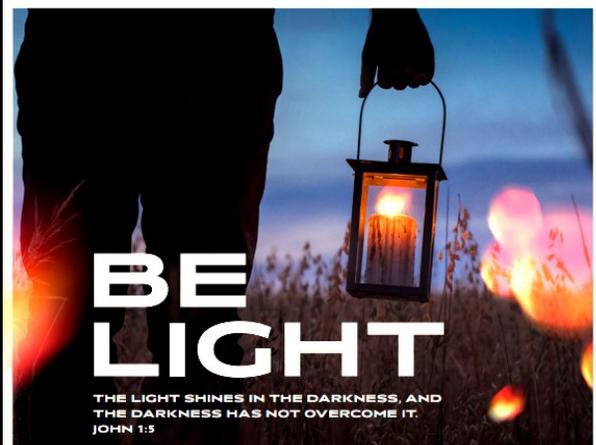
Share the love of Jesus, through the power of simple gifts in a shoebox, with children from around the world.

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

Please donate **\$10** per shoebox to help with shipping.

Make checks payable to **WHBC.**

**Return to Church by Sun. Sept. 11th**



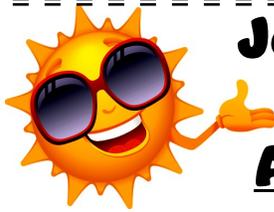
**ALMA HUNT OFFERING**  
*for Virginia Missions*

**Week of Prayer  
for VA Missions  
(State & Association)  
Sept. 11—18, 2022  
Goal \$3,000.**



# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Pizza &amp; Movie</i> 5:30pm pizza 6:00pm Movie Fellowship Hall	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am  Senior Adult Choir resumes 11am	10 <i>Music Concert</i> 5:30pm meal 6:00pm concert Outside in Grove	11	12	13
14	15 Sisters in Service meeting 6:00pm in Café	16	17 <i>Tye-Dye Fun Night</i> 5:30pm meal 6pm Tye-Dye  Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	18	19 Scrapbook Ministry 2:00 pm	20 Scrapbook Ministry 9:00am
21	22 <i>Quilting Ministry</i> 9:00am	23	24 <i>Dinner &amp; Standing Rock Report</i> 5:30pm meal Fellowship Hall	25	26	27
28  Global Hunger Sunday	29	30	31 <i>Back to School Fun Night</i> 5:30 PM Outside (Rain) Fellowship Hall			



# Join Us For Wednesday Night Summer Schedule **AUGUST:**

**3rd** — **PIZZA DINNER @ 5:30pm (\*SIGN-UP)**

Pizza, Salad, dessert & drink \$6 adults / \$3. kids  
**Movie Night @ 6:00pm "Mercy Rule"**  
in the Fellowship Hall



**10th** — **Summer Concert in the Grove**

**DINNER @ 5:30pm (\*SIGN-UP)**

**Paper Bag Dinner:**

Choice of Sandwich, Chips, Fruit cup,  
Cookie & Drink \$6 adults / \$3. kids

**17th** — **Tie-Dye Night**

**DINNER @ 5:30pm (\*SIGN-UP)**

Chicken strips, Cole slaw, fries,  
Dessert & Drink \$6 adults / \$3. kids



Bring the  
item you  
want to  
Tye-Dye  
with you.



**24th** — **Sharing Standing Rock  
Dinner @ 5:30pm (\*SIGN-UP)**

Indigenous Tacos, Wild Rice,  
Roasted Maple Squash, Dessert & drink  
\$6 adults / \$3. kids

**31st** — **"Back to School" Fun Night @ 5:30pm**

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

Hotdogs, Snow cones, Popcorn  
Plus Bounce House inflatables



## Adult Fundraiser Fall Golf Tournament For Standing Rock "2023" Saturday, October 8, 4 Person Teams (Cost \$65.00 per person)

Includes: 18 Holes, Cart, Food & Prizes

Sign up at Church in brick hallway, make checks to WHBC

Contact Ron Kohlman cell = 907-3459



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## 2022 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
<b>June 19</b>	119	100	\$7,471.00	\$700.17
<b>June 26</b>	118	101	\$5,687.10	\$297.37
<b>July 3</b>	118	99	\$11,779.97	\$1,038.37
<b>July 10</b>	104	83	\$6,620.50	\$596.87

YTD 2022 Received (Budget): \$202,490.63  
 2022 Budgeted to Date \$303,050.44  
 YTD 2022 Received (Heart for the House): \$14,729.75

