



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

*Welcome
Home!*

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THANK YOU, WEST HAMPTON!

As I think back to what we have experienced as a church since March, I am really grateful for your flexibility in accepting all of the changes that have been necessary due to this pandemic. As we strive to be good citizens (Romans 13:1-7), we are following the current executive order. This order allows for social gatherings of up to 50 people. Fortunately, this limit on social gatherings does not affect our worship services or Sunday school. Of course, when a new executive order is issued, we will adjust accordingly, and provide you with information about any changes.

If the current order remains in place for an extended period, could this affect future events, such as Fall Fest? Sure. But we will let you know with as much forewarning as possible. In the meantime, if you have questions about the rules, we will have the most current executive order posted on the bulletin board at church for you to read. Thanks again for your flexibility. Ultimately, God is in charge, and He will see us through.

Thanks for your time,

Jim Wiser

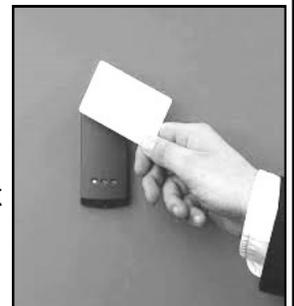
NEW THINGS ARE HAPPENING FROM OUR CHURCH SECURITY TEAM: ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEMS

Church Family, we want to share with you that we received a grant to purchase a card access system for the exterior doors of the church.

We felt this was a need since there are many keys out there that have been lost or not turned in when someone no longer is a member of our church. This will allow us the ability to track and oversee those with access to the church.

The installation is now complete and there will be a transition period to get those that need access a card or FOB, before we switch over to the new system and re-key the locks.

We will work with the church office now through October in setting up times for individuals to swap out their keys for the card or FOB. We are asking for a \$10. deposit to help cover the cost in the event something should happen to your card.



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Worship Arts

**Praising God
Worship, Music,
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Music & Worship Ministry

Project 58

Some of you may not know that our church has a fund called **Project 58** that is designed to assist those in our community who have a financial need. The need may be for food, transportation, lodging, etc. and is an opportunity for us to show the love and compassion of Christ to many outside the church.

If you would like to give a gift of any amount to **Project 58** you may do so by leaving your gift in the offering baskets when attending worship, drop it by the church office or mail it to the church office at 631 Aberdeen Rd., Hampton, VA 23661. Please be sure to mark it for "Project 58".

Thanks for Staying Faithful!

These Covid days have been challenging in lots of ways – not the least of which has been with faithful participation among the WHBC family.

Even though we are meeting on campus for worship services and Sunday School, some of our church family are not yet ready to return to in-person gatherings. And that's OK! Either way, you have continued to be faithful with your words of encouragement (calls or emails), your prayers and your tithes/offerings.

Please know that your church staff is doing our best to move forward through these days with optimism and wisdom. Our desire is to comply with the government's orders while staying obedient to God's Word. Remember the principle: Obedience brings blessing but disobedience brings conflict.

Many of us have missed greeting one another with hugs and handshakes. But for now, elbow bumps and muffled "Hey!" will have to do.

I hope that you will join us this Sunday whether in-person or online as together we give God our *praise* for who He is and *thanks* for what He's done.

In Him,
Craig Hughes

Did you know, There are many ways to give your tithes and offerings to our church?

You can still give by putting your offering in an envelope and put it in the offering basket while you are here at church.

But what if you are not here, or forgot your checkbook or offering at home and you still want to give?

- 1) You can give at our Giving Kiosk that is mounted to the wall outside of the Sanctuary by just a swipe of your debit or credit card.
- 2) You can download the **SecureGive** app on your smartphone and give with a debit or credit card.
- 3) You can go online to your own bank's website and set up a payment to the church, just like you would pay a utility bill. This can even be set up to be done on a reoccurring basis so your offerings will always be received on time even if you are not here. And generally there is no charge for this service to you or the church.
- 4) You can go to our church website (www.whbcnow.org) and click the **SecureGive link** and give with a debit or credit card. This can also be setup on a reoccurring basis.

5) You could mail your check to the church. It will take a few days to get here and you will need a postage stamp.

You can be sure your tithe and offerings are not missed by giving through one of these other ways.



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 Sunday School Promotion Day	7  LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 Quilting Ministry 9am	9	10	11 <i>In Remembrance of September 11, 2001</i> Patriot Day 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Scrapbook Ministry 9am
September 13 – 19, Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions (Associational & State) Goal 3,000						
Grandparents Day			Finance Committee Mtg. 6:00pm		Scrapbook Ministry 5pm	
20 Church Members Business Mtg. 11:30am (Following the morning service)	21	22  Autumn begins	23	24	25	26 Quilting Ministry 9am
27 2021 Budget Planning meeting 3pm	28	29	30			



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.samaritanspurserg.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child



Shoeboxes are available in the Atrium area (near the café) Return by **Sunday, October 18**

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

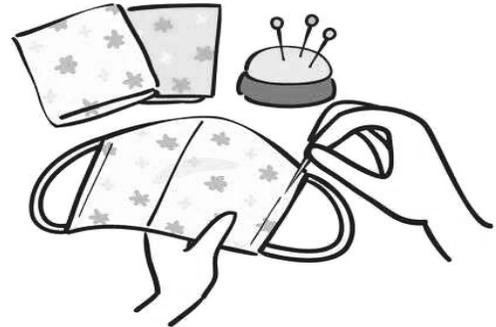
Please donate **\$9 per shoebox** to help with shipping. Make checks payable to WHBC.

Some suggested items:

Toys, Balls, Dolls, Cars	Fabric	Bar Soap	Small Fishing Kit
Stuffed Animals	Crayons	Washcloths	Small Sewing Kit
Socks	Glue Stick	Tooth Brush	Small Hand Tools
T-shirts	Stickers	Combs	Craft Kits
Hats / Gloves	Pencils (sharpener) Pens	Hair accessories	Watercolor paint set
Socks	Small Notebooks	Jewelry	Harmonica
Shoes / Flipflops	Coloring books	Sunglasses	\$9.00 Check to WHBC

Making 300 masks for Standing Rock

We are in need of masks to take to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakota's. Please see Sarah Wall



Sign up for **Women's Get-Away @ Eagle Eyrie Lynchburg Virginia**

Theme: Refresh

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25
A 24-Hour Get Away for Women

November 6-7 or 7-8, 2020
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN !

Cost \$85

See Margaret Langley for details
(deposit \$30 by Sept. 14, balance due by Sept 27)



Ashlee Murphy Reed
Keynote



Katie McKown
Bible Study Leader



Rachel Pierce
Worship Leader

Greetings Church, These have been difficult times, but please continue to keep WMU in your prayers as the days pass. The women of WMU have continued to be in prayer for our church, community, state, country and world during these days of stress and uncertainty. As Women of God we do always know and try to remind others that **God is in control**. We have been keeping our distance, but know there is still work to be done. We are slowly beginning to work out how we can meet together and do God's work. We continue to plan for the Rummage sale in order to raise money for the trip to Standing Rock next year, even though Covid keeps us from setting a date. We are continuing to collect items for the sale and will let you know when the date is going to be. You can sign up for the Women's "Get-Away" at Eagle Erie in November., at church or contact Margaret Langley (information below).

We are still working towards the Women's Retreat next Spring at The EDGE (formally Eastover) and will keep you informed as the country moves through this pandemic. Currently trying to collect 300 reusable masks to send to Standing Rock

Nicki Jarrard
WMU Director

Meeting Real Needs in Real Time

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

West Hampton's Offering Goal \$3,000.

WMU CALENDAR:

- **September 13-19 – Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions (State & Association) Goal \$3,000.**

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Quilting	Tues., Sept. 8 & Sat., Sept.26	@ Church	9:00am
Scrapbooking	Fri., Sept 18 & Sat., Sept. 19	@ Church	5:00pm & 9:00am

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 You can also access this Newsletter on our website.

*Come to me,
 all you who
 are weary and
 burdened, and
 I will give
 you rest.*
 Matthew 11:28



2020 Giving Back to God

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
July 19	96	none	\$6,129.45	\$856.40
July 26	83	none	\$5,436.23	\$437.29
August 2	89	54	\$13,910.25	\$1,172.57
August 9	89	68	\$8,092.60	\$435.47

YTD 2020 Received (Budget): \$269,303.94
 2020 Budgeted to date \$318,327.04
 YTD 2020 Received (Heart for the House): \$23,624.88