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Welcome Pastor Phillip Richards, West Hampton Baptist Church Seventh Senior Pastor

I have heard many people say, "I can't wait to put 2021 behind us." 2021 was indeed an unbelievably tough year. Yet, it is during the most difficult times, God seems to draw us closer to Him.

In the midst of the Covid and chaos from this past year the Lord has still been faithful to us through it all. He has never left us or forsaken us. So, I give Him thanks because He has still been good to us and has continued to be faithful.

For many, a new year brings new beginnings; a shaking off of the old and simply beginning again. There is something about new beginnings that we love... Driving a new car, shopping for new clothes, the excitement that comes with a new relationship, buying a new home, and yes, even the promise of a new year.

New things excite us; they seem to motivate and inspire us to action. This allows us to grow, create, invent and adapt.

Teresa and I began looking at new things this past month. We have a new city, a new home, a new ministry, and a new church body. But you have new things as well. You have a new year beginning, a new pastor, a new vision, and a new excitement.

I believe that the excitement of new beginnings is instilled in us by God because of his promise to make all things new (Revelation 21:5). God speaks a lot about new beginnings, in His Word. Think about it, the first three words of the Bible are, "In the beginning." David speaks of singing a new song of praise to the Lord (Psalm 40:3). Ezekiel says that God will renew our spirits (Ezekiel 11:19). Paul says that we have been made new by God and that we no longer have to live according to our old selves (Ephesians 4:22-24). The author of Lamentations declared that God's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). We love new beginnings!

New beginnings mean an end to old and painful memories. They give us hope for a better tomorrow. They allow us to marvel, in joy of the Lord, for what he is doing in and for those whom he has called by name.

As this New Year begins, I am looking forward to new beginnings. I am excited for the new things that God has for us and I am overjoyed at the possibilities which lie ahead!

*In Christ,
 Phil Richards*

2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Nov 21	106	109	\$6,282.00	\$589.37
Nov 28	172	121	\$8,827.00	\$582.37
Dec 5	128	116	\$7,798.00	\$986.37
Dec 12	121	113	\$10,000.70	\$1,014.57

YTD 2021 Received (Budget): \$367,429.58
 2021 Budgeted to date \$503,732.00
 YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House): \$32,770.90



If you would like to be taken off this mailing list, please contact us.

Happy New Year!

2022 looks to be an exciting year for WHBC. It's a time for new resolutions and new beginnings. And WHBC faces the new year under the leadership of a new pastor. We joyfully welcome Pastor Phil Richards onto our staff.

With a change in leadership comes some changes in the church life. What might God want to do in and through our church body this year? It will be exciting to see! Our attitude should not be, "That's the way we've always done it" but rather "What does God want to do now".

I'm sure that in your own personal life you have made some commitments and set some goals for the year ahead. As a church, may our goal always be to please God.

With a Voice of Singing

All of us were created to praise our heavenly Father. And it is such a privilege to do that with our spiritual brothers and sisters in worship each Sunday. Concerning participation in worship, somebody once said, "The question is not do you have a voice...but do you have a song?" God is much more concerned about the condition of our hearts than the condition of our vocal cords.

A Place For You

If you love God, His people and His music then you may want to consider joining our Worship Choir! This would be a terrific time to make the commitment to help lead worship each week. Or maybe you play an instrument such as piano, guitar, violin, trumpet, etc. Why not use your talents to serve Him in worship? Please see me (Craig) if you are interested in learning more about the music & worship opportunities at WHBC.

Keep your focus above,
Craig



Help Wanted

The Audio Visual team is looking for a few souls willing to help with Sunday worship. No experience need. Whether it's the soundboard, PowerPoint, or the camera operator we have an apprenticeship to fit your needs.

Contact Robert Wigglesworth for more details.



The month of January not only marks the beginning of a new year but also offers us a fresh opportunity to heighten our awareness and renew our mission. The theme for this month is Praying with Perseverance. *Perseverance* is one of those words that sounds like what it means. It brings to mind a situation that requires a lot of work and focus.

Mission groups participate in ministries that focus on showing God's love. The results of their perseverance are myriad: lives transformed by His love, homeless fed, and students and teachers blessed. First Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "pray without ceasing." This attitude of prayer speaks to our perseverance to take our praise, confession, requests, and burdens to God.

Margaret Langley

WMU Director

 **WMU COUNCIL: Breakfast & Meeting**
January 8 @ 9:00am @ Brenda Flowers

WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS FOR JANUARY:

Quilting	Tuesday	Jan. 4	@ Church	9:00 am
Quilting	Monday	Jan. 24	@ Church	9:00 am

Feed a Family for a Day... Food Drive February 6—27.

1. Fill a grocery bag with non-perishable food items for **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER.**
2. Bring your grocery bag back to the Church on a Sunday or during the week. (during office hours)



Church-wide Mission Involvement:

Items for "A Nights Welcome" breakfast bags

- * Individual packaged Cereal or Fruit bars
- * Pop tarts
- * Boxed raisins
- * Juice boxes or pouches
- * fruit cups





JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years Day!
2 First Sunday sermon with or New Pastor, Phillip Richards	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Council Meeting 6:00pm	5 Dinner: Chicken Pot Pie Roll & Dessert.	6	7	8 WMU Council Meeting @ Brenda Flowers 9:00 am
9 Reception for Pastor Phil & Teresa following the service in the atrium.	10	11 Quilting Ministry 9am	12 Staff Anniversary Debbie Ford 18 yrs. Dinner: Chili & Dessert. Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00pm	13	14	15
16 Deacons Mtg. 8am Church members business mtg. (after worship)	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 "A Nights Welcome" Dinner	19 "A Nights Welcome" Breakfast Dinner: Chicken Strips Roll & Dessert.	20	21	22
23	24 Quilting Ministry 9am	25	26 Dinner: Mexican Casserole Roll & Dessert.	27	28	29
30	31					

KIDS KORNER



Happy New Year Kids!!!

We hope you and your family had a great Christmas and you enjoyed meeting the Manger Animals, Doug, Clara, Sam and Cody as they told us about the Baby Jesus and his birth.

Are you ready for some more exciting times in the Children's Department, we sure hope so!

We will kick off our New Year with an 8-week (Jan. 3- Mar. 7) Sunday School study "The Non-Avengers ~ Bible Heroes Who Forgave". Our key Memory Verse for this time will be Ephesians 4:32 ~ *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Blessings!
JoJo

Mark your Calendars!!!
MOVIE & SNACKS
 Saturday, January 29, 2022
 1:00PM~3:30PM
 1st Grade ~ 5th Grade
 Children's Area~WHBC

WHBC Inclement Weather Policy:

On Wednesdays: If the Hampton Public Schools cancel or close early due to inclement weather, there will be NO dinner or activities.
For Thursday Lunch: The same rule applies.
On Sundays: A decision will be made by 5am and the message put on the office answering machine and on Facebook.



Sign up for 2022 Sunday Flowers

If you would like to donate Sunday flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to recognize a time of celebration, reserve the date on the 2022 signup sheet in the brick hallway on the bulletin board. Or you may call the church office.

DEACONS MEETING
SUNDAY, JAN. 16
 @ 8:00AM,
FELLOWSHIP HALL



CHURCH MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, JAN. 16
 @ 11:30AM
SANCTUARY

