



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

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WILL OUR CHURCH CHANGE AFTER THE STORM?

As the unprecedented months have passed by, I cannot help but ask myself if West Hampton will change doing business as a result of these tumultuous times? Maybe just as important is the next question of how West Hampton will change in doing business. Of course, when I say “business” I mean ministry to a lost and hurting community around us. In essence, what will we do differently to grow and glorify the Kingdom of God? I imagine some of you have asked yourselves the very same questions.

Are these questions really important? Doesn't West Hampton already have vibrant ministries, ready to ramp up again once it is safe to do so? As we consider these questions, I am reminded of our recent Sunday school lesson in Colossians. The lesson led to a discussion of the “pruning” of our church and its ministries. Yes, it is not always comfortable to allow God to snip here and there, but ultimately the Bible reminds us that pruning leads to more fruit and better fruit.

This storm will pass, and as Christians, we should always be sensitive and searching as to whether the Lord may be calling us to different ministries, which will meet the new needs that will present themselves as a result of the storm.

Thanks for your time,
Jim Wisner



Worship Arts

**Praising God
Worship, Music,**

Worship

Even though we are meeting with masks and social-distancing, it is so good to be together for Sunday worship. And it is completely understandable that some have chosen to not yet return due to health concerns. Someday (soon I hope!) these Covid days will be behind us and we can return to full fellowship among God's people.

Christmas is Coming!

We are planning to have a WHBC online Christmas celebration this year. And we want YOU to be in the mix! It's easy! Just get the kids/friends/family together to sing a Christmas song/carol and video-record the experience using your phone or laptop. Then email the video to cmhughes@whbcnow.org or officemgr@whbcnow.org. That's it! The online Christmas celebration will debut at 5:00 pm on December 13 and will be available to watch all through the holidays.

Submit your video by December 1 so we can assemble the celebration and have it ready to go by December 13.

Joyfully in Him,

Craig Hughes



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

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.



2020 Brunswick Stew "Fall Fest Drive-thru"

Saturday, October 31, 3–5pm

Join us as we social distance in a fun way,
driving around the church grove to
pick up a container of
our famous Brunswick Stew.

We will have goody bags
available for all families
with young children.



In honor of World Hunger Day, on
October 11, we will be collecting
nonperishable can and food items
for the hungry in our community.
Food Drive October 4-25th.

Clean out your pantries but make
sure the food is not beyond
its expiration date.

Check your grocers and take
advantage of some
canned food sales
to help those who
are hungry.



Youth Food Drive

2020 Giving Back to God

| Date | Worship | Sunday School | Budget Received | Heart for the House Received |
|---------|---------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aug 16 | 91 | 64 | \$7,331.97 | \$463.37 |
| Aug 23 | 93 | 61 | \$4,536.83 | 442.37 |
| Aug 30 | — | — | 909.00 | 187.00 |
| Sept 6 | — | — | \$13,136.08 | \$1,052.00 |
| Sept 13 | 49 | 46 | \$9,630.58 | \$951.37 |

YTD 2020 Received (Budget): \$304,848.40

2020 Budgeted to date \$373,046.21

YTD 2020 Received (Heart for the House): \$26,720.99