



**West Hampton Baptist Church**

# Church Life

*Welcome  
Home!*

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## “Love One Another”

John 13:34-35 states, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In these two verses Jesus makes a definitive statement regarding our being His disciple. He does not say that our presence in worship, our position in worship, our service to the church, our position in the church, our influence in the church, is what sets us apart as His disciple. Those particular points tend to be what we, members of the church, use as evidence of another’s being a disciple of Christ. The question is, do they match the evidence Jesus identifies as that which sets one apart as a disciple in the eyes of the world?

Although none of the points mentioned before are inherently wrong, we must understand that they represent activity usually assumed to be what a disciple would do. However, they are not what Jesus says will be how “all people” will recognize a disciple of His. He makes it clear that “love for one another” is how one is identified as His disciple. He goes even further to describe the kind of love which is characteristic of a disciple. He says, “just as I have loved you” is the way in which a disciple loves others. There is no ambiguity in the words of Jesus. A disciple of Jesus will love others as they have been loved by Christ.

But, how has a disciple been loved by Christ? Sacrificially; Jesus gave up everything to demonstrate His love for mankind. Unconditionally; Jesus loved without the certainty that His love would be reciprocated. Physically; Jesus loved by dying so others might live. If Jesus loved us in these ways, then we must recognize that His command to love one another, as we have been loved, requires us to love in the same manner.

If we are to be identified as a disciple of Christ, then we must be willing to sacrifice all our preferences and wants so that others experience the life-changing love of Christ in us and for them. We must be willing to love others even when we know that our love will not be reciprocated or even rejected. We must be willing to die on the altar of self so that others may live on the altar of salvation. And, if the world is to see the love of Christ for them, it must first see the love of Christ we have for one another. So, let us love one another and, thus, let the world see that we are His disciples and His love for them!

Pastor Bryan

### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am    Sunday School  
10:00-10:30am *Transition Time & Fellowship*  
10:30 am    Worship Service  
                  Deaf Worship

### **Wednesday Schedule**

5:00 pm    Family Dinner  
5:30pm    Prayer meeting (Sanctuary)  
5:45 pm    Deaf Bible Study  
6:00 pm    Adult Study with Pastor (Fellowship hall)  
                  Mission Friends (Preschool)  
                  Kids on a Mission (GAs/RAs)  
                  Elevate Youth B207  
7:15pm    WHBC Worship Choir Rehearsal



# Worship Arts

**Praising God  
Worship, Music,  
Media & Drama**

## Fall Is in The Air!

'Tis the season for a change in foliage colors, cooler breezes and Pumpkin Spice flavors in everything. And it's almost sweater weather for that stroll along the beach or walk around the block. One thing that Katha and I really like about living in Virginia is witnessing the four seasons.

But some things never change.

In the book of Hebrews, God's Word states,

"Jesus Christ is **the same yesterday and today and forever.**"

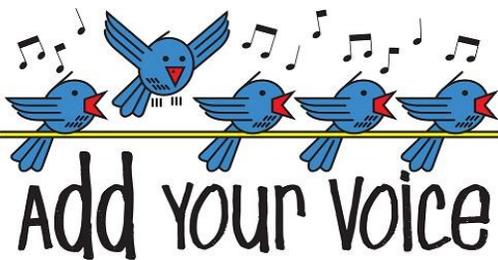
And for that, we can be eternally grateful. I may wake up grouchy - but He is loving and patient. I may be filled with anxiety - but He is filled with peace. I may get angry at the driver that just passed me - but He is loving and gentle. In short, my emotions may be fickle - but He is consistent.

The same God who parted the Red Sea, rained fire atop Mount Carmel and gave sight to the blind man is the same God who lives in me...and in you, too, if you have trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Though He never changes, He reveals His creativity in the changing world around us. Let's be sure to praise Him for being immutable (never changing) and thank Him for orchestrating the beautiful changes that we enjoy.

In Him,

Craig Hughes



### Here's the rehearsal schedule:

**Senior Adult Choir... Tuesdays, 11:00 am**  
**WHBC Worship Choir...Wednesdays, 7:15pm**

In honor of World Hunger Day, on October 10, we will be collecting nonperishable can and food items for the hungry in our community.

### **Food Drive October 3-31st.**

Clean out your pantries but make sure the food is not beyond its expiration date. Check your grocers and take advantage of some can food sales to help those who are hungry.

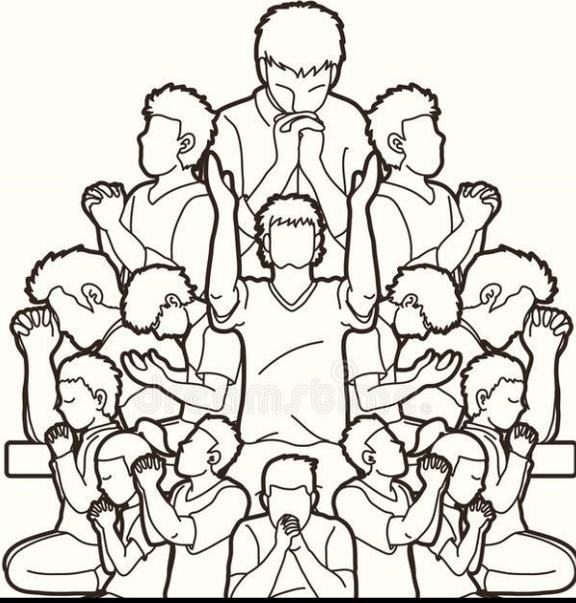




# OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Youth Food Drive:</b> We will be collecting non-perishable food items for World Hunger during the month of October.					<b>1</b> <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY MISSION YARD SALE</b> 4-7 PM	<b>2</b> 9am-3pm <b>MISSION YARD SALE</b>  3-5pm Brunswick Stew & Hotdogs
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Dinner: Spaghetti, Salad Bread & Dessert	<b>7</b> 10am Bible Study 11:30am Lunch Ministry & Clothes Closet	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>World Hunger Day</b>	<b>11</b> Columbus Day	<b>12</b> Quilting Ministry 9am	<b>13</b> Dinner: Chicken, Broc. & Cheese Casserole, Applesauce Bread & Dessert  Finance Mtg. 7:45pm	<b>14</b> 10am Bible Study 11:30am Lunch Ministry & Clothes Closet	<b>15</b>  2pm Scrapbook Ministry	<b>16</b> 9am Scrapbook Ministry
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Dinner: Meat loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans Bread & Dessert	<b>21</b> 10am Bible Study 11:30am Lunch Ministry & Clothes Closet	<b>22</b> <b>Ladies Fall Retreat at THE EDGE</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Ladies Fall Retreat at THE EDGE</b>
<b>24 THE EDGE</b> 6pm 2022 Budget Discussion & Vote	<b>25</b> Quilting Ministry 9am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Dinner: BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Salad Texas toast & Dessert	<b>28</b> 10am Bible Study 11:30am Lunch Ministry & Clothes Closet	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Halloween</b> 						



***“For where two or three  
gather in my name,  
there am I with them.”  
Matthew 18:20 NIV***

## Come join the Deacons for the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting!

**Join us in the Sanctuary from  
5:30-6:00 p.m. to pray together  
spoken or silent prayers.**

After a brief devotional, we will do  
our best to live out 1 John 5:14!

1 John 5:14 - This is the confidence  
we have in approaching God: that if  
we ask anything according to his  
will, he will  
hear us.



## **Don't Cook, join us for Wednesday Night Church Dinners!**

Join us on Wednesday nights, we will do the cooking!

Have a relaxing meal with church family and friends and then join one of our activities that follow. You don't even have to help with the dishes!

Make your Family Dinner reservations by filling out a Connection Card on Sunday or call the Church Office (826-5772) by Monday, 4:00pm.

The monthly menu is on the Google Calendar of our webpage. [www.WHBCnow.org](http://www.WHBCnow.org)



## Sign up for 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 signup sheet in the brick hallway on the bulletin board.

Or you may call the church office 826-5772.

It is wonderful to have our preschool, children, and youth mission classes back on Wednesday evenings after 18 months off. Most of the women's groups have also started meeting again. Everyone is engaged in learning about, praying for, and doing missions. Pray about how you can join us.

This month our youth will sponsor our annual food drive for Global Hunger Relief. Please bring your non-perishable items to support this effort. They always need proteins such as canned meat, peanut butter, etc.

The global COVID-19 pandemic taught us more about the importance of being relentless. Let us be relentless in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others.

Always for him,  
Margaret Langley

### **WMU CALENDAR:**

- Oct. 2 Yard Sale & Free Clothing Give Away 9am / Brunswick Stew & Hotdog dinner 3pm
- Oct. 10 World Hunger Day (bring in your collection of food, enough to feed a family for a day)
- Oct. 22-24 Ladies Fall Retreat at "The Edge" in Surry, VA

### **WOMEN ON MISSION MEETINGS:**

Sadie & Elizabeth Group	Tuesday	Oct. 5	@ Church	10:00am
Quilting Ministry	Tuesday	Oct. 5	@ Church	9:00am
Sisters in Service	Tuesday	Oct. 12	@ Church	6:30pm
Scrapbooking Ministry	Friday	Oct. 15	@ Church	2:00am
Scrapbooking Ministry	Saturday	Oct. 16	@ Church	9:00am
Quilting Ministry	Monday	Oct. 25	@ Church	9:00am

## **LADIES FALL RETREAT OCTOBER 22-24, 2021 AT THE EDGE IN SURRY VIRGINIA**

A time for all ladies to get away and relax while overlooking the beautiful James River.  
Contact Margaret Langley or Brenda Flowers for more information



*"W.M.U. Annual Zoom Meeting. - Friday, Nov. 5, 7:00- 8:00m*

## **CHURCH WIDE MISSION INVOLVEMENT World Hunger Food collection**

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Welcome to the  
 WHBC Family!

*Mr. Ethan Guill*  
*Miss Juliet Owenbey*

## 2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House
<b>Aug 15</b>	97	80	\$3,526.00	\$409.37
<b>Aug 22</b>	108	94	\$7,125.00	\$600.27
<b>Aug 29</b>	98	84	\$4,583.00	\$129.37
<b>Sept 5</b>	105	86	\$7,243.95	\$934.37
<b>Sept 12</b>	110	94	\$7,253.00	\$527.37

YTD 2021 Received (Budget): \$263,698.57  
 2021 Budgeted to date \$372,761.68  
 YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House): \$24,169.02