



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

*Welcome
Home!*

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Individual Humility Leads to Corporate Unity

Throughout human history, man has tried every means possible to create, foster and maintain unity within large groups of people. Many of those efforts have proven effective for some period of time, but all have eventually failed to maintain unity for the duration. There are a number of reasons for the failure of those efforts, but two can be found at the heart of each failure.

The first reason is that the effort to produce “unity” was instead an effort to produce conformity. Such unity (conformity) was sold to the masses as an issue of greater good, which was never intended to unite the minds, but was an effort to unite the emotions. Once the “greater good” reasoning fell apart, the unity followed shortly after. The second reason is that this unity required submission, but individual humility was not necessary. As long as the people existed in submission the unity prevailed, but the moment any chose to break the bonds of submission, the unity broke as well.

So, what is the answer to lasting unity mankind has been seeking up to our present age? The Apostle Paul records the example of Christ and instruction for the Church regarding the creating, fostering and maintaining unity in Philippians 2:1-8. In this passage we see the example of Christ’s individual humility and unity of mind with the Father. We see Christ’s intention to put the needs of others first, and in a sacrificial manner. We see Paul’s instruction for each and every believer to be of one mind. But what mind is that? He makes it clear that we are to be united in mind because we share the mind of Christ.

Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, commands the Church to demonstrate an individual and sacrificial humility, which is manifested in the putting the needs of others first. This is the “mind of Christ” Paul speaks of and commands the Church to exhibit in this passage. When every believer is exhibiting a sacrificial humility, there exists a unity of mind that is more powerful than a unity of emotion. A true unity of mind in Christ is an eternal unity as exemplified in the Godhead.

So, what are we to do? Let us, here at WHBC, seek first the mind of Christ individually. Let us then seek to make sacrifices to put the needs of others before our own. Let us set aside our own ambitions and seek to live out Christ’s ambition to seek and save that which is lost. If we will, then we will experience a lasting unity the likes of which the world has never known to the glory of God!

Pastor Bryan

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Mixed Signals

Years ago, I served in a church which was discussing the purchase of a new copy maker. The cost was to be about \$1,200. During the discussion, a middle-aged man who was a bit hard-of-hearing was quietly taking in the discussion. However, as the discussion continued his bald head got increasingly red with anger and he finally blurted out, "Just how much coffee does this coffee maker produce for \$1,200!?" He was definitely getting mixed signals as he thought the discussion was about a new COFFEE maker instead of a COPY maker.

Mixed signals happen too frequently in today's world concerning relationships, traffic, social media, politics, etc.

But God's Word does not send mixed signals. Praise the Lord! God clearly states truth and leaves no confusion when it comes to spiritual directions. And, of course, He clearly says that His Son is the only Way, Truth and Life.

And at this time of year, we begin to see signals that remind us of His entrance into history through a manger in Bethlehem. The annual Advent season will begin the last Sunday in November. Christmas is coming! Joy to the World!

In December

Next month, we will celebrate Christmas with great joy. Some special times to anticipate are:

- December 5, 5:00 pm **Christmas Jazz!**
- December 12, 5:00 pm **Cora Armstrong Christmas Concert**
- December 19, 5:00 pm **All Church Caroling**

But First, Thanksgiving!

Even in difficult times, we can find lots of things for which to be thankful. Maybe make a list of blessings this Thanksgiving season. As the hymn says, "Count your many blessings, see what God has done." It's with thankful hearts that we worship Him!

In Him,
Craig Hughes



Giving Thanks Sunday
Sunday, November 21,
10:30am Worship

- Singing Songs of Thanksgiving
- A Beautiful Testimony of Thanksgiving
- A Special Seasonal Sermon
- A Way for Us to be Thankful to God

Let's Give Thanks together!

Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00-10:30am Transition Time & Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- Deaf Worship (Chapel)

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

November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	2  2021 ELECTION DAY Church Council meeting 6pm	3 Dinner: Apple Glazed Pork Chops, Rice, Elizabeth's Corn Pudding, Roll & Dessert.	4	5	6  VIRTUAL WMU Getaway
7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  Set Your Clocks Back	8	9 QUILTING MINISTRY 9AM	10 Dinner: Lasagna, Side Salad, Italian Bread and Dessert	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13 LEAF RAKING DAY 9-12 
14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16	17 Dinner: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert	18	19 Scrapbook Ministry 2pm	20 Scrapbook Ministry 9am
21 Deacons Mtg. 8am Church members Business meeting... (after worship) - 2022 Calendar - 2022 Stand. Comm.	22 Quilting Ministry 9:00am	23	24 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	25 Church Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY 	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 MISSIONS SUNDAY	29	30	17th Staff Anniversary, 28 years Church Custodian Frances Parks	21st Giving Thanks Sunday 10:30am Service		

Week of prayer for International Missions November 28—December 5, 2021

Let the REDEEMED of the Lord tell their STORY. Psalm 107:2

Fall is in the air and it is time for our annual Getaway. *What if your weekend could have a lasting impact on your faith, mental health, relationships, and community?*

Unfortunately, out of an abundance of caution as well as high rates of Covid-19 in the Lynchburg area, WMUV has decided to transition to an virtual version of Getaway, offered on November 6. There will be an opportunity for prayer, worship from Jessica Fox, preaching from Rev. Katie McKown, as well as breakouts on crafts, mental health, and more. The online event will begin at 8 a.m. with a time of prayer. Full details are at <https://www.wmuv.org/getaway>

Margaret Langley
WMU Director



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
Nov. 28—Dec. 5
WHBC Offering Goal \$5,000.**

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE



For the giving and receiving of Christmas cards for W.H.B.C. members who are here attending church. All postage given goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Please remember these cards are not mailed out.

WMU CALENDAR:

November 1	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
November 6	Online VIRTUAL "Women's Get-Away" from Eagle Eyrie at 8am
November 18	A Nights Welcome (off campus)
Nov. 28—Dec. 5	Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Offering

HANDS ON MISSION MEETINGS:

Quilting	Tuesday,	Nov. 9	@ Church Sewing room	9:00am
Scrapbook	Friday,	Nov. 19	@ Church Fellowship Hall	2:00pm
Scrapbook	Saturday,	Nov. 20	@ Church Fellowship Hall	9:00am
Quilting	Monday,	Nov. 22	@ Church Sewing room	9:00am

**Church-wide Mission Involvement:
Menchville House Ministries
Body Wash (men & women), Liquid dish detergent**



"A Nights Welcome"

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter is a H.E.L.P. Program for the homeless in Hampton from Nov. 21 -Mar. 22 . Local area congregations rotate providing supper and breakfast bags (to go) once a month during the cold winter months (Nov-Mar).

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter Program will begin in November 2021.

Volunteers are needed to help:

- prepare meals (at our WHBC kitchen)
- 5:30-5:45pm delivery the meals to the shelter (return items to WHBC)
- 5:30-8:30pm help with check-in
- 6:00PM-7:00pm serve the meal

The shelter will be located at
Central United Methodist Church
 225 Lee Street
 Hampton, VA 23669

Our Church will help once a month
 Thursday, November 18th
 Tuesday, December 21st
 Tuesday, January 18th
 Tuesday, Feb 15th
 Tuesday, Mar 15th

Contact: Joanne Sweatt (757)870-3929,
 for more information or to volunteer.

Items for "A Nights Welcome" breakfast bags"

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



SUNDAY NOV. 21

DEACON MEETING @ 8AM,
 FELLOWSHIP
 HALL



CHURCH MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING

following the
 morning service.

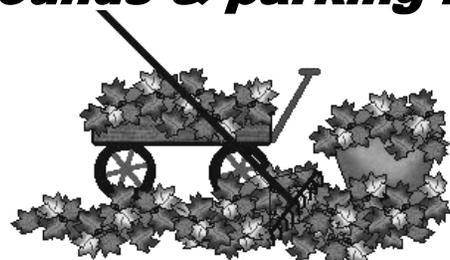


Church wide LEAF RAKING DAY

Saturday, November 13

8:00am - 12 noon

***Bring your rakes,
 brooms, and leaf
 blowers to help
 clean up the church
 grounds & parking lot.***



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thanks
 TO THE LORD,
 FOR HE IS GOOD:
 HIS LOVE
 ENDURES
forever
 PSALM 107:1

2021 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House
Sept 19	114	108	\$9,684.25	\$583.37
Sept 26	104	98	\$4,367.00	\$257.37
Oct 3	105	97	\$10,603.95	\$1,324.74
Oct 10	109	95	\$5,445.25	\$216.37

YTD 2021 Received (Budget): \$293,799.02
 2021 Budgeted to date \$413,060.24
 YTD 2021 Received (Heart for the House): \$26,550.87

