



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

Welcome Home!

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The birth of Jesus Christ is the most significant event in the history of mankind. His birth split time into B.C. (before Christ) and A. D. (Anno Domini) the year of our Lord. Even when modern historians and archaeologists replace B.C. and A. D. with Before Common Era and Common Era it doesn't matter. Why? Because the inquiring mind must still ask the question: "What was the monumental event that split history? The answer is unequivocally the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christ's birth was God's idea. He planned when it would happen, how it would happen, where it would happen and why it would happen. On the night Jesus was born, in Bethlehem, God is the one who sent an angel to announce his arrival. The God who created the universe and placed the world on its axis had come to earth to simply say, "I love you... no matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you've done in your life." The birth of Christ brings forth this love, as well as hope, peace, and joy to the human heart.

Luke 2:1-7 – At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Before time began God saw our helplessness. He knew our faults, our flaws, and our shortcomings. He came as flesh and bone to rescue a world that wasn't looking for rescue; to set us free from Satan and from ourselves.

Chuck Colson once wrote... "When God wanted to defeat sin, his ultimate weapon was the sacrifice of his own son, Jesus. On Christmas, just over 2000 years ago the birth of a tiny baby in an obscure village in the Middle East was God's supreme triumph of good over evil."

Happy Birthday, Jesus! We are so glad you came!
Pastor Phil

Merry Christmas From the Staff at West Hampton Baptist Church

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December 2022

Sun

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Sat

<p><i>Thank You</i> Sunday, December 18, Following the morning service, please join us to say Thank You to all the volunteers who have served in feeding the community for 25 years through our Industrial Park Thursday Lunch Ministry.</p> <p>The meat will be provided, please help by bringing a side dish or dessert.</p>				1	2	3  Churchwide Christmas Banquet 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
4 Christmas Celebration 5pm "Hanging of the Greens"	5	6	7  Mission Dinner 5pm Study 6:00pm	8	9	10
Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering						
11 Christmas Celebration 5pm "Family Night" Music & More Finance Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm	12	13 Quilting Ministry 9am	14 <u>Dinner</u> Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, & Dessert	15 Final Thursday Lunch Served	16	17
18 Christmas Celebration 5pm Worship Choir "Follow the Light"	19	20 "A Nights Welcome" 5:30pm	21 NO PM ACTIVITIES	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  6:00pm
25 Celebrating Christmas Day 10:30 worship	26 Church Office Closed	27	28 NO PM ACTIVITIES	29	30 Church Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve

Christmas Celebrations at West Hampton

- **Sat. Dec. 3, 6:00pm - Churchwide Christmas Banquet in the Fellowship Hall, meal provided by the Deacons. (RSVP to office)**
- **Sun. Dec.4, 10:30am - Preschoolers sing at morning service**
5:00pm - Hanging of the Greens, decorating and more
- **Sun. Dec. 11, 5:00pm - “Family Night Service” Children’s Choir, Youth drama, and Senior Adult Choir.**
- **Sun. Dec. 18, 5:00pm - Adult Worship Choir presents “Follow the Light”**
- **Sat. Dec. 24, 6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Candlelight and Communion**
- **Sun. Dec. 25, 10:30am- Christmas Day**

2022 END OF THE YEAR

OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

End of the year contributions for 2022 must be in the church office or mailed and postmarked no later than midnight of

December 31, 2022

This would be a wonderful time to catch-up any offerings you may have missed during the year. You may call Debbie Ford on Tuesdays or Thursdays, in the church office, if you need to know what you have given so far this year.

2022 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Oct 16	126	110	\$5,608.10	\$280.37
Oct 23	122	104	\$7,882.00	\$428.57
Oct 30	149	112	\$8,993.00	\$378.37
Nov 6	156	118	\$7,723.10	\$999.37
Nov 13	132	113	\$5,940.00	\$438.37

YTD 2022 Received (Budget): \$332,114.00

2022 Budgeted to Date \$497,868.58

YTD 2022 Received (Heart for the House): \$25,972.26

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

March 10-11, 2023
Thomas Road Baptist Church
Lynchburg, VA

MEN
IGNITE

Imagine a two-day event packed full of workshops, exhibits, and fun around the stuff that men love: hunting, fishing, football, motorcycles, racing, extreme sports, and other outdoor activities featuring some of the leading experts in the world.

COST: \$64.00+ \$3.00 fee -General Registration

\$54.00 +\$3.00 fee - Youth, Military, Servicemen or Retired – Basic Rate

***DEADLINE* for reservation, lodging & breakfast payment should be given to Don Ford (cash or check) **by Sunday, February 19** for reservations to be secured.**

The Week of Prayer for International Missions takes place December 4-11. On Wednesday, December 7 our International Mission Study will be focused on the Philippines. The Philippines is both a missions field and a missions force. We will learn how IMB missionaries serve alongside Philippine churches and in unreached areas of the island nation while also mobilizing, training, and sending out Filipino missionaries to places Westerners cannot go. We hope you will join us for this informative study and prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to support international missions all over the world.

Margaret Langley



LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

For the giving and receiving of cards for W.H.B.C. members who actively attend church, all postage given goes to the Lottie Moon missions offering.
Please remember these cards are not mailed out.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

December 4 –11
WHBC Offering
Goal \$5,000.



Hearts and Hands Yarn Ministry Beginners Knitting Class

Monday, January 9th & 23rd at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall
Class held by Carolyn Grant, Susan Norris & Elaine Jones



Senior Adult Sunday January 1, 2023

**Followed by Lunch in the Fellowship Hall for adults 55 & up.
(lunch will be provided)**

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...FOR SERVING GOD'S LOVE!

The Industrial Park Thursday lunch started as an idea in Thelma Kiser's Sunday School class over 25 years ago. The class started with a prayer walk thru the Industrial Park and handed out paper flyers to invite all to the lunch. They wanted to provide a good meal in a safe place, an introduction to our church, and prayer. The class funded the first meal and then visited all the adult Sunday School classes asking for "seed" money. The ministry grew from around 40 the first week to a high of 400-500. The lunch was funded by donations by the guest and occasional checks from a few businesses. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "For everything there is a season..." Just as with everything in life there comes a time in the life of a church when a season must end, therefore, after listening to the many people who have served in this ministry over the past 25 years, we made the difficult decision that the Industrial Park Thursday Lunch will close its doors for the last time on December 15th, 2022. We have loved serving this community over the years and have become quite fond of getting to know the many people who come each week. We want to thank all our volunteers (some who aren't church members here) who graciously give of their time, smiles and hard work. A big thank you to the Bluegrass Band who share their talent and love for the Lord weekly. And especially thank you West Hampton for supporting this ministry over the years. Thanks to our Lord and Savior for all His blessings to each person who has been a part of this ministry.