



West Hampton Baptist Church

# Church Life

Welcome  
Home!

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Isaiah 9:2 - *The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.*

It is Christmas time again, the day when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. The prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of the Savior.... Those who have “walked in darkness”, now have a light to shine in their deep darkness.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, darkness and light are used to represent sin and salvation. Without Christ, we are lost in the darkness of sin. But because of the birth of Jesus, we have hope in God’s glorious light, his victory over sin and death. God promises us salvation in Jesus.

In our world and in our lives, it can sometimes feel as though the darkness is overwhelming. It can seem as though sadness and sin have the upper hand, while the light of goodness and joy are hidden in the shadows of the world. But God’s Word promises us that a light is indeed coming to all of creation.

As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, let us remember the light of hope that shines in the darkness, and is only found in the baby in the manger. “He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

In Christ,  
Pastor Phil

**Merry Christmas From the Staff at West Hampton Baptist Church**

*Phil Richards    Eula Parks    Ron Kohlman    Debbie Ford    Jan Harvell*



## **Christmas Celebrations at West Hampton**

- **Sat. Dec. 2, 6:00pm - Churchwide Christmas Banquet in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sun. Dec. 3, 6:00pm - Christmas Caroling to homes of Senior Adults**
- **Sun. Dec. 10, 6:00pm - “The Messengers”, The Chosen Series Christmas Movie**
- **Sun. Dec. 17, 6:00pm - All Choirs Cantata presents “Brand New Hallelujah”**
- **Sun. Dec. 24, 6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Candlelight and Communion**

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# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Churchwide Christmas Banquet 6:00pm
<i>Dec. 3-10, 2023 *Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering*</i>						
3 Hearts & Hands 11:45am FH <b>Christmas Caroling 6pm</b>	4 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	5	6 <b>Dinner</b> Chicken and Dumplings, Peas & Dessert <b>Mission Study 6:00pm</b>	7	8 5-10pm Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Downtown Hampton	9 12-5pm Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Downtown Hampton
10 <b>Christmas Movie 6pm</b> Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	11 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm  Knitting Class FH 1:30pm	12 <b>Quilting Ministry 9am</b> 11am Final Sr. Adult Choir rehearsal	13  <b>Dinner</b> Lasagna, Salad, & Dessert	14  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY OR CLOTHES CLOSET</b>	15	16
17 <b>All Choirs Christmas Cantata 6pm</b>	18 Sew & Serve ministry 1pm	19 "A Nights Welcome" 5:30pm	20  <b>NO PM ACTIVITIES</b>	21  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY OR CLOTHES CLOSET</b>	22  Church Office Closed	23
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> Candlelight Service  6pm	25  <b>Christmas Day</b> Church Office Closed	26	27  <b>NO PM ACTIVITIES</b>	28  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY OR CLOTHES CLOSET</b>	29  Church Office Closed	30
31 New Year's Eve						

**Thank You, Thank You,** Ron Kohlman, for the devotion you have given in leading us in Worship on Sunday mornings sharing God's grace with the congregation. We are grateful for the time and care that you have given in leading both the Worship Choir and Senior Adult Choir. We praise God for his guidance through your voice in music and in word.

*The New Year will bring us new leadership in music as we welcome Jordan Asbury as our Associate Pastor of Youth and Worship. We are truly thankful as God continues to bless West Hampton.*



**"A Nights Welcome"**

A Night's Welcome Winter Shelter is a H.E.L.P. Program for the homeless in Hampton.

Local area congregations rotate providing supper and breakfast bags (to go) once a month during the cold winter months through March

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



**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.

**On Sundays:** A decision will be made by 5am and the message put on the office answering machine and on Facebook.

**Items for "A Nights Welcome" breakfast bags"**

**\*Individual packaged Cereal, Fruit bars, Muffins**

- **Pop tarts \* Fruit cups\* Boxed raisins**
- \*Pringles individual snack stacks**
- \*Juice boxes or pouches**



If you would like to donate Sunday flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to recognize a time of celebration. The sign up sheet is located on the Welcome Counter outside of the Sanctuary. Or you may call the church office.



**2023 END OF THE YEAR OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

End of the year contributions for 2023 must be in the church office or mailed and postmarked no later than midnight of **December 31, 2023**

You may Contact Debbie Ford if you need to know what you have given so far this year.

*This would be a wonderful time to catch-up any offerings you may have missed during the year.*

**2023 GIVING BACK TO GOD**

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Oct 22	128	97	\$5,965.00	\$258.37
Oct 29	111	74	\$7,463.00	\$259.37
Nov 5	135	112	\$13,222.87	\$1,064.50
Nov 12	157	129	\$3,607.00	\$423.37
YTD 2023 Received (Budget):			\$384,766.78	
2023 Budgeted to Date			\$429,226.00	
YTD 2023 Received (Heart for the House):			\$26,442.36	

The Week of Prayer for International Missions takes place December 3-10. On Wednesday, December 6 our International Mission Study will be focused on Zambia. Zambia is a land rich in resources and full of people ready to engage in gospel conversations. In this country where Christianity is the national religion and religion is not a culturally taboo subject, missionaries and national Christians work to teach gospel truths and biblical literacy. 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

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

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



### Join Us...

As We Travel to

**ZAMBIA**, To See What  
**GOD** is Doing Through Our  
**INTERNATIONAL  
MISSIONARIES.**

Wednesday,  
December 6  
6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



### 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.***