



West Hampton Baptist Church

Church Life

Welcome
Home!

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Isaiah 9:6 tells us, For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We celebrate Christmas as a way to rejoice over God's most precious gift to us. The birth of Jesus Christ is the perfect gift from God that came in simple wrapping; a gift no one deserves but that He gave freely.

The gift of Christ was not an afterthought, for long before there was a star in the sky or a stable in Bethlehem; long before Adam and Eve ever set eyes on each other, and even before there existed a garden called Eden, God decided to send His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins.

From before time was, God knew humankind would fall short of His glory. That is why the Scriptures proclaim, in Revelation, that Jesus Christ was slain before the foundation of the world.

God made a decision from the very beginning that Christ would come to this earth to live and die and rise again from the dead. God's gift to us proves His purpose to redeem us.

The gift of Jesus Christ is what Christmas is all about. Jesus came near to us so we could come near to Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil

Merry Christmas From the Staff at West Hampton Baptist Church

Phil Richards Eula Parks, Ron Kohlman Debbie Ford Jan Harvell Arndra Branskin



Christmas Celebrations at West Hampton

- **Sat. Dec. 7, 5:00pm - Churchwide Christmas Banquet in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sun. Dec. 8, 5:00pm - Christmas Caroling to homes of Senior Adults**
- **Sun. Dec. 15, 5:00pm - Preschool & Children present "The Birth of Jesus"**
- **Sun. Dec. 22, 5:00pm - All Choirs Cantata presents "Christmas Forever Amen"**

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service


Tuesday, December 24, 5:00pm

A special time for your family to be a part of the celebration of Christ's birth.

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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hearts & Hands Yarn ministry 11:45am Christmas Decorating 5pm	2	3	4 <u>Dinner</u> Soup & Salad Bar, Dessert International Mission Study 6:00pm (FH)	5	6	 7 Churchwide Christmas Banquet 6:00pm
December 1-8, 2024 *Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering*						
8 <i>"Golden Lifers"</i> Christmas Lunch 11:45am Christmas Caroling 5pm	9	10 Quilting Ministry 9am	11 <u>Dinner</u> Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese & Dessert Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:15pm	12	13	14
15 Preschool & Kids Presentation 5pm	16	17 "A Nights Welcome" (off campus)	18 <u>Dinner</u> Lasagna, Salad, & Dessert	19 NO BIBLE STUDY OR CLOTHES CLOSET	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 All Choirs Christmas Cantata 5pm	23	24 Church Office Closed 	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed NO PM ACTIVITIES	26 NO BIBLE STUDY OR CLOTHES CLOSET	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Church Office Closed	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office Closed		Wed. Dec. 11 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY 5-7 PM	Wed. Dec. 18 Grade School Kids "CA's" CHRISTMAS PARTY 6-7PM





"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 signup sheet is located on the Welcome Counter outside of the Sanctuary. Or you may call the church office.



Welcome to the WHBC Family!
Mrs. Victoria Banton
Joining by statement



2024 GIVING BACK TO GOD

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Received	Heart for the House Received
Oct 20	127	97	\$7,531.00	\$325.37
Oct 27	144	105	\$6,829.95	\$270.37
Nov 3	117	92	\$14,315.12	\$1,340.37
Nov 10	154	125	\$8,384.30	\$498.87
YTD 2024 Received (Budget):			\$379,877.59	
2024 Budgeted to Date			\$436,087.35	
YTD 2024 Received (Heart for the House):			\$21,138.78	

2024 END OF THE YEAR OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

End of the year contributions for 2024 must be in the church office or mailed and postmarked no later than midnight of **December 31, 2024**

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.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions takes place December 1-8. On Wednesday, December 4 our International Mission Study will be focused on Central Asia. When you think of Central Asia, you might not think of ancient and elaborate mosques, millions of people celebrating Ramadan and Nowruz, or lands and people with ties dating back to the Old Testament. The peoples of Central Asia are unique in their cultures and languages, even within countries and within the majority religion – Islam. From Persians living alongside the Persian Gulf to secular Turks in a megacity to Tajiks on snowcapped mountainsides, each person is known by God, and you can get to know a little more about these cultures and people groups through this study. The good news is that Southern Baptist Convention missionaries, SBC entities like Send Relief, and other like-minded partners are working together to make the gospel known in Central Asia. We hope you will join us for this informative study and prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to support missions all over the world.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

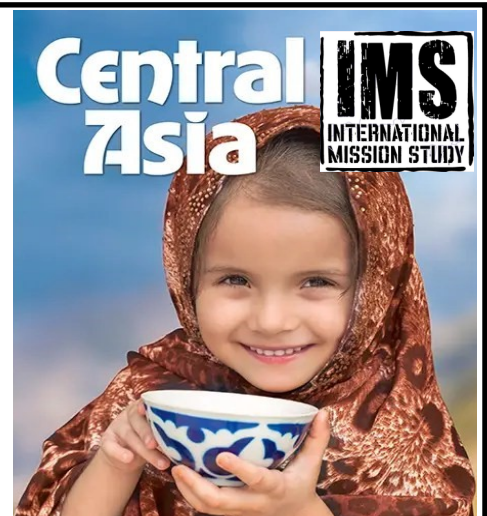
December 1-8
WHBC Offering
Goal \$7,000.



Join Us...As We Travel to Central Asia

To See What GOD is Doing Through Our
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES.

**Wednesday, December 4
6:00pm Fellowship Hall**



Lottie Moon
Post Office



25¢ per item

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.

Save
the Date



“Beautiful Feet” A Women’s Retreat Getaway!

This exciting event will be hosted by WHBC women

Friday & Saturday, March 28 & 29, 2025 In the church Fellowship Hall.

Cost \$50. (\$10. deposit due Sunday, January 12, balance due Sunday, March 16)

Questions/ Contact Brenda Flowers or Joanne Sweatt