

CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Join us Sundays at
9:00AM

LEARNING TO WALK

Sundays with Pastor Phil
Richards
Hearing & Deaf Worship
Service 10:30AM

WEDNESDAY SUMMER FUN NIGHTS

Join us Wednesdays at
5:00PM for dinner and
6:00PM for fun summer
nights

WEST HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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In Numbers 13:30 Caleb proclaims these words, "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it."

Wow, what if we began looking at the mountains before us with faith instead of fear? What if you woke up to victory and not defeat? Seeing life with eyes of fear will cause us to run from the things God has given us possession of.

When Moses sent spies to investigate the Promised Land, 10 of the 12 came back and said, "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" (Numbers 13:31). Even though God had promised to be with them, they responded in fear rather than faith. Only Caleb and Joshua believed in God's promise that they could take possession of the land.

People who always say, "I can't" and the people who always say "I can" are both right. Why? Because fear creates self-fulfilling prophecies. This happened to Job when he said, "What I feared has happened to me. What I dreaded has come true." (Job 3:25).

A life lived in fear rather than faith will limit every aspect of your life. You're going to miss out on openings and opportunities. You're going to waste the time and talents that God gave you. And you're going to set yourself up to ultimately fail.

The spies with a fear-filled outlook saw themselves as inadequate. They said, "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!" (Numbers 13:32-33).

There was truth to what they said... there really were giants in the Promised Land! And the fears these giants instilled in them, caused the 10 spies to see themselves as tiny bugs sure to get squashed. That's a defeating self-image. But this didn't just affect the spies' confidence; it also caused them to project their fears on the whole nation of Israel. That's the problem with a fear-filled outlook: The way you see yourself and life has a tendency to rub off on the people around you.

If the spies had looked at the Promised Land with faith instead of fear, they would have seen the same thing Caleb and Joshua saw: a land flowing with milk and honey. Even when they looked at the giants, Caleb and Joshua saw their potential through God's eyes. They said, "Let's go at once to take the land, we can certainly conquer it!" (Numbers 13:30).

What are the giants that you are facing right now? The things that seem to overwhelm and have caused you to cower, at times, in fear.

No matter what you might be facing, never underestimate what God can do when you simply obey and trust him in faith. No matter what he has called you to, no matter how big the mountain before you, you can certainly accomplish it in his strength.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil



Register NOW

FOR



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're excited to partner with 1Died4All Basketball Camp and need your help!

Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteers Monday–Thursday, especially on Tuesday and Thursday, our church's days to serve breakfast, lunch, and water. If interested please see Jan Harvell or sign up on the bulletin board.

If interested in coaching please see Pastor Phil Richards

Donation Needs:

- Breakfast snacks (granola bars, muffins, etc.)
- Uncrustables
- Bottled water

There will be a box in the hallway to drop off any donations. Thank you for all your help!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Every Tuesday: Quilting Ministry 9:00AM
- Every Thursday: Adult Bible Study 10:00AM
Clothes Closet 11:00AM
- 7/1: Church Council Meeting 6:00PM
- 7/4: INDEPENDENCE DAY
Church Office Closed
- 7/6: Hearts & Hands Yarn Ministry
- 7/13: WHBC 82nd Anniversary
Covered Dish Lunch
- 7/16: Finance Committee 7:15PM
- 7/19-26: WHBC Mission Trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation
- 7/20: Deacons Meeting 8:00AM
Members Business Meeting 11:30AM
- 7/21-24: Basketball Camp at Phoebus HS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:

- 7/2: Hot Dogs
- 7/9: Burgers & bring a dish to share at Buckroe Beach
- 7/16: Sub Sandwiches & Potatoes
- 7/23: Spaghetti & Salad
- 7/30: Spare Ribs, Corn on the Cob, & Cole Slaw

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS:

- 7/2: Sparklers, S'mores, & More
- 7/9: Buckroe Beach Cookout
- 7/16: Movie Night
- 7/23: Battle of the Genders
- 7/30: Community Outreach Night

Churchwide Mission Support

We are collecting gift cards from Amazon and Walmart (any amount) for Standing Rock Mission Trip



Please give these items directly to Joanne Sweatt or Margaret Langley. Thank you!

Please keep our mission team in your prayers as we minister to the people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the Dakotas. Pray for safe travels and that hearts will be changed as we share the hope of Christ.

GREETINGS FROM THE SAFETY TEAM

Jim Langley, Robert Wigglesworth, Alan Gaskins, Chris Banton, Harold Horten, David Dixon, & Les Hicks

Over the last couple of years there have been a few changes and we appreciate everyone's help and understanding. We have added key card access to the preschool hallway for the playground, put in cameras in the preschool classrooms, changed the way we enter the preschool to drop off and pickup children and are continuing to take and host classes to help us make everyone feel safe in our buildings.

More recently, we have added first aid kits to the areas adjacent to the elevator. Please look over these and you will see the release is under the handle on the side. It is a black half moon shape that you depress and hold and slide the box off the mount in the direction of the handle.

If you have questions, please ask us and we will be happy to show you. There are also Incident Reports in the box to fill out for any accidents or injuries. These should be put in the office door or the Security box outside the office if the office is closed.

Radios have been added to all Sunday School rooms and were a great help during VBS for quick communication. Please review the laminated instructions so you will be familiar if the need arrives. They are normally turned on before class starts and the team takes care of turning them off/charging after Sunday School.

We want to thank you for not propping doors open as it defeats our ability to keep the building secure and can leave it accessible when the church is not open. We are still looking at ways to improve our awareness and safety as well to be welcoming to visitors and family. The best thing we can all do is greet people we don't know and ask if we can help them. This comes from both the safety side as well as the godly side of welcoming them to our church and showing our love for all who worship with us.

During the summer months many families look forward to going away on vacation. Whether a return to a favorite vacation spot or a new adventure, you might try thinking of ways to use your vacation as a missions trip. Wherever you decide to vacation, lost people will be there--people who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Be ready to intentionally engage in gospel conversations while you are vacationing.

- When you are eating at a restaurant, ask the waiter or waitress how you can pray for them. Then pray for them when you thank God for your food. This can open the conversation to talk about why you pray and whom you are praying to.

- As you talk with people while doing family activities, look for ways to weave threads of the gospel into the conversation. Talk about how thankful you are that the Lord allowed you time away with your family. Ask people whether they have any spiritual beliefs and be ready to graciously share yours.

Going on vacation is a fun time to laugh, play, and rest but you don't have to leave the mission of Christ out of your vacation. Be intentional with your time and conversations!

Margaret Langley

WMU Director

We want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s Vacation Bible School a success!

Whether you prayed, donated supplies, spread the word, served food, led a class, decorated, or helped behind the scenes in any way—we are so grateful for your support.

Because of your time, effort, and love, our children experienced a fun, meaningful, and Christ-filled week they won’t forget. It truly takes a church family, and we are blessed by each of you.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

With sincere appreciation,

Nancy Burleson, Victoria Banton, Marisa Riggs, and Phil Richards

Your VBS Directors



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ron Kohlman

August 6 we will be having a worship concert in the grove from 6-7:30PM!

Our 5th Annual Golf Tournament will be held October 11th!

Date	Worship	Budget Received	Heart for the house received
May 18	149	\$8,158.00	\$835.37
May 25	112	\$6,631.00	\$480.37
June 1	146	\$7,861.50	\$722.87
June 8	136	\$7,980.00	\$405.37
June 15	120	\$4,163.00	\$302.37

YTD 2025 Received (Budget) \$214,390.05
 2025 Budgeted to Date \$232,993.44
 YTD 2025 Received (Heart for the House): \$ 9,857.89

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