

West Hill Baptist Church

A Black History Moment



Our Sunday School was refreshed on some interesting facts related to Black History during the month of February.

Superintendent, Thelma Craig shared information on the origin of West Hill Church. She told how education played a major role within the church community. She acknowledged several members who dedicated their lives to becoming educators. After receiving their degrees and licenses to teach, many of them returned to the church to educate and inspire the future generation. Superintendent Craig explained the unique reason butter pecan ice cream became a part of our tasty diet. She also had the teen class display the black history flag in front of the church. Each color on the flag represents an important characteristic of our black heritage. We as a race of people must never forget our

history. It was a wonderful learning experience for all.

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Deaconess Thelma Craig, Destiny Hymon, and Dorrian Tisdale

Words From Our Leaders

Pastor's Desk

Blessings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We come to encourage all to pray for one another. Prayer can help us have the strength and power to be righteous. Through righteousness and the grace of God, we are able to use the power of prayer in every aspect of our lives. God asks us to abide in Him through our Bible and prayer life. We can ask Him for anything that is good. If we

don't abide by God's word and follow His precepts, then we are powerless. Let us remain powerful in Christ through our prayer lives. Pray for me, and I will pray for you.



Diaconate Corner

Greetings and love from Deacon Jessie Craig,

It is still an honor to come to you as the chair of the diaconate ministry. I can see how God is blessing us at West Hill. Our pastor has taken on the role of leading us deeper into the word of God and I can see we are willing to fol-

low. We are working together in unity and in love.

I want to thank everyone for their willing spirit and willingness to work in the church. Let's continue to encourage each other to strive toward our Christian goals. I can say our church did not allow covid to take away our determination nor our desire to serve God.

Our ministries are operating

even better than they did prior to covid. We are starting to travel to other churches to join in their services. We are an awesome family! A family that I know God is proud to call His own. Let us continue in faith and in the Word to be the church God will say, "Well Done."



The Last Seven Words of Jesus

The Last Seven Words of Jesus service was held at Bethany Baptist Church of Kenbridge, Virginia on March 29th. They invited Deacons and Deaconess from several local churches to speak on one of the scriptures. Our own Deacon Jessie Craig was honored to be one of those great speakers. His topic was taken from the scripture John 19:26-27; “Woman, behold thy son! Then he said to the disciple, behold thy mother!” Deacon Craig spoke about being in the right place at the right time. The right place is at the foot of the cross. Being prepared to take on a job God has assigned you to do. He did an excellent job representing West Hill and explaining God’s Word. Many members from the church accompanied him to this engagement.

The Seven Last Expressions of Christ

Rev. Hymon spoke on the Seven Last Expressions of Christ at Mayflower Baptist Church on March 29th. Her expression was Women, behold thy son from John 19: 26. She spoke on the topic of “Behold Means Come and See.” She then posed the question, “...what are we looking at?”

Pastor Hymon broke it down into three observations:

- ◆ We are looking at a broken, beaten, ridiculed Savior that through His pain we have purpose.
- ◆ We are looking at a grieving mother powerless to help her child.
- ◆ We are looking at a disciple who thought his immense love has taken in the mother of Jesus to ensure her care.

In our times today, we should bear our pains knowing our purpose. We should take responsibility for our families. We should love like Christ even in our darkest moment

Rosebud

The 2024 revival season has started. Rev. Hymon and the Senior Choir rendered their first engagement at Rosebud Baptist Church in Dundas, Virginia on March 21st. Rev. Hymon preached a sermon titled, “Wake Up Everybody.” It was taken from 2 Chronicles 7: 11-14. Rev. Hymon encouraged us to wake up and do the work. She provided five steps of being revived:

- Be aware of God's presence
- Have a response to the word
- Liveliness in the community
- Be sensitive to sin. When we see sin coming get to stepping
- Have faithfulness and testimony (tell somebody).



Sleeping on the job is a domino effect.

Study and examine yourself to making sure you are not sleeping on the work of the Lord.



S.W.A.G Team

The W.H.B.C. S.W.A.G. Team Ministry did their first performance of the year on the second Sunday in February. They ministered to the song Wade in the Water in honor of Black History Month. They also did their first performance outside of West Hill at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Farmville, VA on March 24th in honor of their Annual Praise Dance Team Anniversary. West Hill is proud of the S.W.A.G Team Ministry’s hard work and dedication. They are truly **Serving With A Goal**.

Baptism Classes

BAPTISM CLASSES - Baptism is symbolic and public. When we are immersed in the water, it symbolizes our being cleansed from sin. When we are lowered into the water, it is a symbol of the burial of Christ. We are burying our old self. When we are raised from the water it is a symbol of the resurrected Christ. Peter tells us to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Then we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is in Acts 2:38. Rev Hymon explained the scripture Roman 12: 4-5 which reads, “just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many forms one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” She said, we all have a job to do in God’s house, and she challenged us with the question, what are some jobs we can do to build up the church?

Bible Study

The West Hill Baptist Church Bible Study Classes are thriving! Pastor Hymon is currently teaching the books of the Bible that are not often taught. She has taught on books such as Titus, Zephaniah, John, and Ezra. The classes have provided so much insightful information.

Gone But Not Forgotten



March 21, 1962– March 2, 2024.

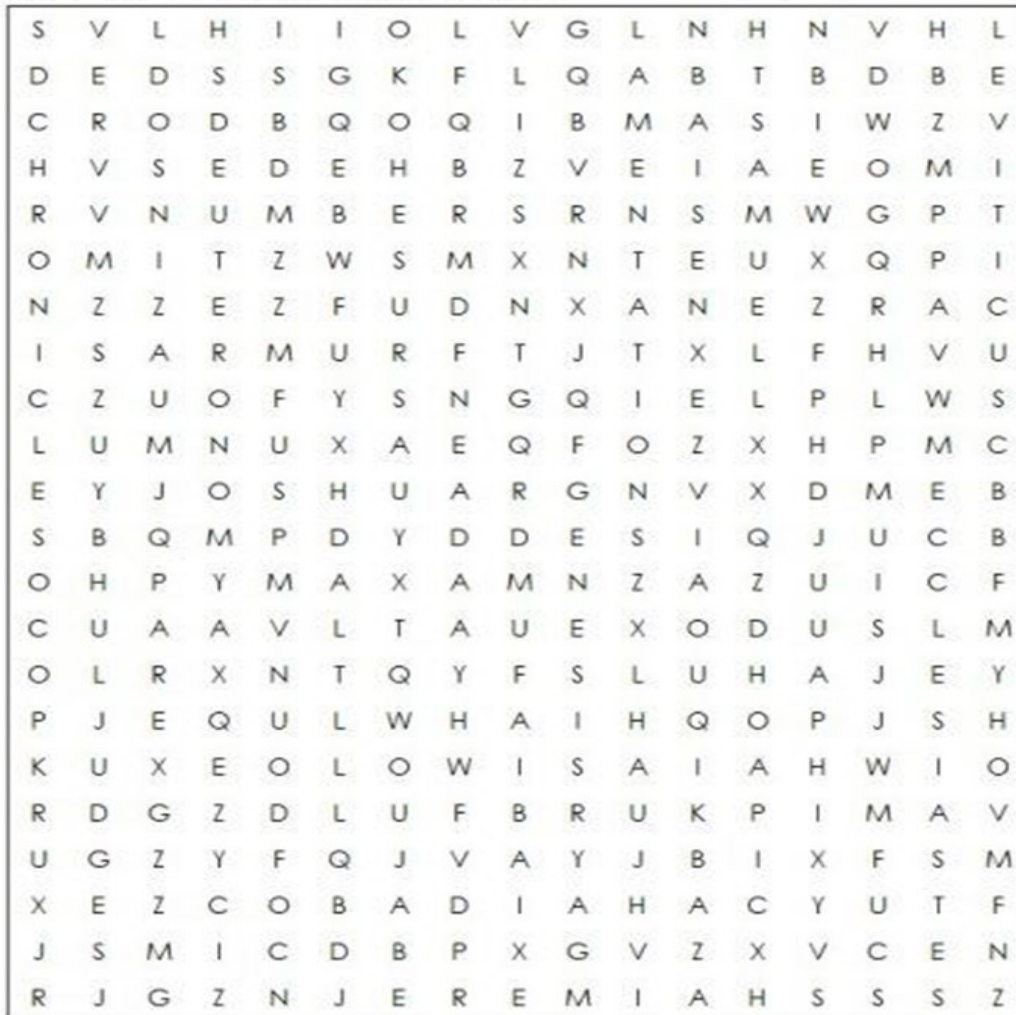
Joyce Jackson Gray

Sister Joyce Jackson Gray was a member of West Hill Baptist Church. The Lord called her home to rest on March 2, 2024. She will greatly be missed by her family, friends, and church family. West Hill sends its condolences to the Jackson/Gray family.

Activites Page

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Books of the Bible Word Search



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| GENESIS | JOSHUA | CHRONICLES |
| EXODUS | JUDGES | EZRA |
| LEVITICUS | OBADIAH | ECCLESIASTES |
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Deacon Jessie Craig

Dates	Events	Time
4/22– 4/26	Annual Revival Week Rev. Marquis Carlisle guest preacher.	7:00 P.M
6/22	Business Meeting	12:00 P.M.
6/23	Communion Service Worship	12:00 P.M.
6/30	Union at Concord Baptist Church	10:00 A.M.
7/13	Family & Friends Celebration	12:00 P.M.
7/14	Homecoming Service & Rally (No Sunday School)	12:00 P.M.
<i>**Most church events are held in person and online**.</i>		
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