

# West Hill Baptist Church Newsletter

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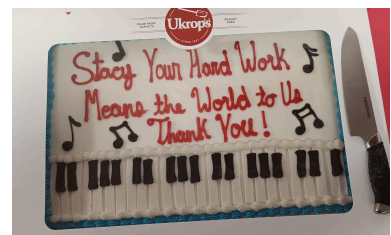
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## Musician Appreciation Service



Psalm 33:3 reads, "Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy." On March 15th at 3:00 pm we were blessed to give honor to our pianist Sister Stacy L. Craig. She has been a dedicated musician at West Hill for the past 23 years and counting. She brings inspiration to each and every service.

Minister Ariel Brown from Mayflower Baptist Church rendered a well prepared message entitled, "Power of the Hymns" for this occasion. The Fresh Fire Community Choir rendered the musical selections. Many people from the community and surrounding areas came to give Sister Stacy a warm salute for the wonderful job she has done and is still doing. She tells people in her music that she loves God and that she is willing to serve Him by unselfishly using the gift He has given her.



# Words From Pastor Hymon's Desk

As we step into the beauty of spring, we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life, fresh hope, and renewed strength. The same God who causes the flowers to bloom, and the days to grow brighter is also moving in our lives. He is restoring what was weary and reviving what felt dormant.

Scripture reminds us: *“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?”* (Isaiah 43:19) Spring is a visible testimony that God specializes in new beginnings. What looked barren in winter now begins to blossom. What seemed still begins to move again. This season encourages us to trust that God is renewing us spiritually, emotionally, and collectively as a church family.

Spring also calls us to growth. Just as seeds planted in faith begin to rise, we are encouraged to deepen our prayer life, strengthen our fellowship, and continue serving with joy. *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”* (Galatians 6:9) Your labor, your prayers, and your faithfulness are not in vain.

May this new season bring:

- Renewed faith
- Fresh vision
- Growing unity
- Overflowing joy

Let us move forward together, expecting God to do great things. The same Lord who paints the fields with color is filling our hearts with hope. Step into this season believing that God is making all things new.

**Blessings,**  
Your Pastor

# Sunday School Game

The W.H.B.C Sunday School Ministry did a Bible Jeopardy Game on Sunday, February 8th. All the classes were combined then divided into two teams. This was a great time of fellowship and reflection on previous Sunday School lessons. The winning team got a chance to pick first from the prizes. Special thank you to Superintendent Deaconess Thelma Craig for organizing and creating this joyful event.



## What's New?

The church website has been updated with a new section called, “Theme & Vision.” This section provides the church overall theme for the year, the vision statement, and focus scripture(s). Pastor Hymon has really expounded on the focus scriptures within the weekly Bible Study lessons and during the Sunday Worship Services.

The church calendar has also been updated with the proper corrections. Feel free to print off a new calendar directly from the website.

Graduates, remember to check out the Community Resources section to view scholarship opportunities. New postings have been added.

## Spotlight



This quarter's spotlight goes out to none other than Brother Willie Rainey. Brother Rainey is a dedicated member of this church. He has shown love with his giving spirit. He loves to share his homemade musical tapes with others. If you do not have the device to play the music, he provides it for you. He always has a warm smile and a special greeting when he enters the church. He took on the role of church sexton. He does not take this role lightly. His efforts and commitment is shown in his work. Mr. Rainey it is a privilege and honor to spotlight you.

## Youth Corner

The youth are doing great things. They are working to maintain excellence in their academic goals at school all while promoting a christian lifestyle at church. DeMarcus Lee has graciously stepped into the role of Youth Superintendent for the Sunday School. DeMontaye and DeMarcus are young men willing to go before the church to open devotion with a song, scripture, or a heartfelt prayer. They are willing and eager to usher, take up offering, and help out wherever there is a need. They even interviewed for the sexton position but due to other circumstances they were not able to take on the role. However, it just goes to show they do not mind stepping up when needed. Most importantly they understand the importance of service to the Lord.

## King & Queen Rally

We are grateful to share that the 49th Annual Queen/King Rally was held at Bluestone Harmony Baptist Association in Keysville, Virginia. West Hill Baptist Church was proudly represented by Deacon Walter Craig, who served faithfully throughout the program.

Through the dedication, generosity, and support of those in attendance, the rally raised a total of \$18,470.35. We give all praise and glory to God for such a successful and spirit-filled program.

We thank everyone who participated, contributed, and prayed for this effort. Your continued support helps strengthen the work of the association and advances ministry throughout our communities. We celebrate what God has done and look forward to even greater blessings ahead.

## Missionaries on a Mission

The Missionary Ministry decided to create a weekly phone tree. This phone tree is designed to keep the sick and shut in members connected with the church. We also call people living out of town, and people who may not be a member of the church, but are community members who may feel lonely and out of touch. Each week a missionary member is assigned a person to call. They are also asked to send birthday cards or get well cards when appropriate. The president, Deaconess Thelma Craig provides a new list each month to the missionary members. The response from the callers and the receivers of the calls have been wonderful. It is a mission in which both sides are receiving a blessing. All are welcome to submit names to be called or to become a caller.

# Activities Page

## Books of the Bible Word Scramble

1. NJOH

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2. NAORSM

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3. ITTMYOH

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4. LMIENOPH

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5. ARLOEEIVNT

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13. PPLINIPSIHA

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14. TISTU

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15. LANAAGTSI

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16. RPETE

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17. TWMHTEA

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18. DJUE

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19. NHJO

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20. MAJSE

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### Word Bank

CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

PETER

JOHN

JUDE

COLOSSIANS

THESSALONIANS

MATTHEW

TIMOTHY

JAMES

PHILEMON

TITUS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

REVELATION

JAMES

ROMANS

PETER

JOHN

HEBREWS

# Upcoming Events

Dates	Events	Time
6/27	Business Meeting	12 noon
7/12	Homecoming	12 noon
8/30	Union at New Grove	10:00 A.M.

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