

West Hill Baptist Church



New Pastor

August 1, 2023, West Hill was blessed with a new pastor, Rev. Melissa Hymon. She is from South Hill, Virginia. She is a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church where Dr. Herman Lundy resides as the head pastor.

The Installation Service was held on October 22, 2023, where her mentor, Dr. Lundy delivered an inspirational sermon titled, "What is in a Name or Title?"

He preached from Psalms 111:9, Ephesians 4, and Exodus 3:13. The Installation Service was filled

with love, great music, and joy.

Note to Pastor

Pastor Hymon, West Hill is excited and honor to have you have as a leader, teacher, preacher, and support to our congregation. We thank you for accepting the opportunity and we are grateful for your hard work and dedication thus far. We look forward in worshipping and celebrating with you and your family for many years.

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Pastor Installation Service Photos



First Sermon

On August 13, 2023, Rev. Melissa Hymon delivered her first sermon as the pastor at West Hill. Her first sermon was taken from Proverbs 2: 6-15 with the title, “A Blessing in the Misunderstanding.” Rev. Hymon broke down the word into three parts:

Mis– Missing the mark

Under– Under the blood of Jesus. In order to be under the blood you must believe and accept salvation.

Stood– Stand firm and boldly in what we do and say in Christ.



Happy Birthday Pastor!

Pastor Hymon celebrated her birthday on September 18th. The West Hill youth department presented her with an inspirational blanket and other gifts during fourth Sunday service. Pastor Hymon was ecstatic and grateful for all of the love.

Honoring Deaconess Eva Lee

Deaconess Eva Lee is a treasured member at West Hill Baptist Church. She has served as the mother of the church for many years. She has demonstrated why she is deserving of this title. She has shared her wisdom, love, encouragement, and dedication to everyone.

On November 26th, West Hill honored Deaconess Lee. She was showered with gifts and love from her church family, children, grandchildren, and other members of the community on this amazing day. After, the service light refreshments were served.



West Hill expressed how they felt blessed to have her as the mother of the church.

What's Happening?

West Hill is gaining footing after the pandemic. Many of the ministries went into a hiatus for multiple reasons but praise God they are coming back to life:

- ♦ The S.W.A.G. Ministry had their first performance with the new members on November 12th. They ministered to the song "Who's Gonna Tell Them," by Marvin Winans. The group did a phenomenal job. The members were DeMarcus Lee, Zadaai Reavis, Zadarri Reavis, and Cir-Amonda Reavis.
- ♦ On November 27th, the Adult Choir made a comeback singing uplifting songs of worship during the fourth Sunday Service.
- ♦ On December 16th, Deacon Jessie Craig announced that the Lord has called him into the preaching ministry. We are excited and praying for him in his new journey.
- ♦ Missionary Sister Everlin Robertson recently had surgery and praise be to God she is recovering beautifully. The Missionary and Sunday School Ministries sent flowers and made cards to lift her spirits. Let us continue to keep her in our prayers.

Gone But Not Forgotten



Brother David "June" Jones

Brother David "June" Jones transition to be with the Lord on August 13, 2023. West Hill is sadden he is gone but understands God always have the final say. Brother Jones was well loved by his family, friends, and church family. He was a gentle and absolutely hilarious man. He always had a warm loving smile and kind words to share with everyone he encountered.

Brother Jones joined West Hill at an early age and continued to work and attend until his passing. He will truly be missed and never forgotten.

Brother Jerrell Tisdale

On October 12, 2023, God called Brother Jarrell Linwood Tisdale home. Brother Tisdale joined West Hill at a young age. He is the youngest son of Sherwin and Lisa Tisdale. The news of his untimely passing was shocking and heartbreaking. Our prayers go out to his family.



Words From Our Leaders



Pastor M. Hymon & Deacon J. Craig

Pastor Hymon

This holiday season, I would like to wish you all the love, peace, and grace during this memorable season.

As we look to the unique hope of the Advent season, God is in fact with us. When God came the first time, He was born into the midst of the noise, chaos and mess of life — in a stable behind an inn, surrounded by animals, shepherds, and outsiders. God doesn't call us out of the mess of life, He comes into the mess with us. God is with us. Advent doesn't look back so much as it looks forward. Forward to when Christ will return in glory, might, and power. When everything broken will be made whole. Advent reminds us that God is with us in the midst of the present chaos of life and our lives. But one day, God will be with us in fullness, in truth, and the mess will be no more.

Diaconate Corner

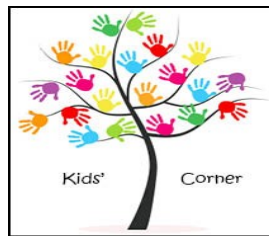
Blessings to all. We are really in the praise zone right now. God has blessed us with Rev. Melissa Hymon as our new pastor! We are delighted she accepted the pastoral position at West Hill. We are looking forward to working with her to make this branch of Zion one that God will be pleased to call His own.

Members thank you in advance for being dedicated and sincere. Let us move forward in the Lord to continue to do great things.

Youth Corner

Our youth members have been busy this year. They have shared, explored, and expanded their knowledge in the Word. Each Sunday in Sunday School, they lead a prayer to open their class and they give reviews about the lesson that was taught. They presented praise dance performances to the congregation. They have made presentations to our church mother. They have traveled to different events throughout the Southside Community to take an active part in the events offered to them. They have shown love and dedication by giving gifts to the pastor, and making get well cards to send to an out of state elderly missionary member. These students come to church regularly and they also bring friends to share in the blessing.

We are proud of our youth students. They are a blessing to this church. They are not viewed as the church of the future, but they are viewed as the church of today.



Southside Youth Development Corporation

On Saturday December 9, 2023, nine youth and four adult chaperones from West Hill Baptist Church attended the annual fund-raising banquet of the Southside Youth Development Corporation (S.Y.D.C.) in South Hill, Virginia. The S.Y.D.C. works with the youth residing in Brunswick, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg counties. Pastor Melissa Hymon of the West Hill Baptist Church was the guest speaker. The theme for the banquet was “We are Caregivers.” Everyone that attended the banquet truly enjoyed themselves; especially the four youth who came home with door prizes.

Baptismal Ceremony

What a wonderful blessing! On November 11, 2023, eight candidates were baptized and joined West Hill Baptist Church. The candidates were baptized by Pastor Hymon. There are more candidates that have come forward for future baptism. West Hill is excited and proud of the youth that has come forward to give their lives to Christ. Starting January 13, 2024 at 12:00 noon, virtual Baptism Classes will be held for all the newly baptized and future baptized candidates. These classes are not limited to just West Hill attendees but to anyone that want to learn the process and detailed information about baptism. All the class information can be found on the church website.



DeMarcus Lee, Zadaai Reavis, Mariah Lee, Dayzon Lee, Jayla Edmonds, and Aleeyah Bailey, and Jayden Craig (Separate pic)



Teacher Appreciation

West Hill Baptist Church started as West Hill Sabbath School. Throughout the years many teachers have come and shared their wonderful knowledge on general education and most of all the knowledge of the Word of God. The teaching still continues today through our Sunday School and Bible Study Classes. West Hill appreciates the dedication and willingness of each teacher. As a special thank you to all of our teachers Super. Deaconess Craig presented each one with a inspirational t-shirt: Deacon Jessie Craig (Adult), Deacon Walter Craig (Assistant Adult), Deaconess Thelma Craig (Teens), Sister Lisa Tisdale (Juniors), Sister Otelia "Bunny" Lee (Beginners).



Dea. Walter Craig, Sis. Lisa Tisdale, Sis. Otelia Lee, Deaconess Thelma Craig, and Dec. Jessie Craig

BSH Training Workshop

Bluestone Harmony Baptist Association and Ministries Annual Religious Training Workshop was held on October 21, 2023. There were several classes offered such as: choir, ushers, deacon, trustee, missionary, and pastor. Each class was taught by a well-trained teacher in each area. Notes and materials were distributed to students to take to their home church to continue the training.

West Hill was well represented in these sessions. Walter Craig, Belinda Craig, Rev. Melissia Hymon, Thelma Craig, Destiny Hymon, and Jessie Craig each went to different sessions. Lunch was served and each class had a student to give a review from their class.

It was suggested that next year's training have the classes spaced out to allow students to be more active in their class without disturbing the next class.

Christmas Service

The West Hill Sunday School Classes had its Annual Christmas Service on December 17, 2023. Superintendent Deaconess Thelma Craig organized two productions to showcase the importance of Jesus' birth. The Teen Class presented a puppet show and combine classes did a pantomime play. Everyone did a wonderful job! It was a great day of fellowship. Thank you to everyone that came and everyone that made this service happen.



Watch Night Service

The Annual Watch Night service was held virtually on December 31, 2023. The service consist of praise, testimonies, singing, praying, and worship. Pastor Hymon provided words of inspiration and encouragement for the 2024 year. The scripture was from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. Pastor Hymon focused on verse 19. There were approximately twenty in attendance including members and guest from surrounding churches.

Upcoming Events

Dates	Events	Time
1/13	Baptism Classes	12:00 P.M
1/27	Called Business Meeting	12:00 P.M.
2/3	Baptism Classes	12:00 P.M.
2/17	Baptism Classes	12:00 P.M.
3/2	Baptism Classes	12:00 P.M.
3/16	Baptism Classes	12:00 P.M.
<i>**Most church events are held in person and online**.</i>		
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