

# West Hill Baptist Church Newsletter

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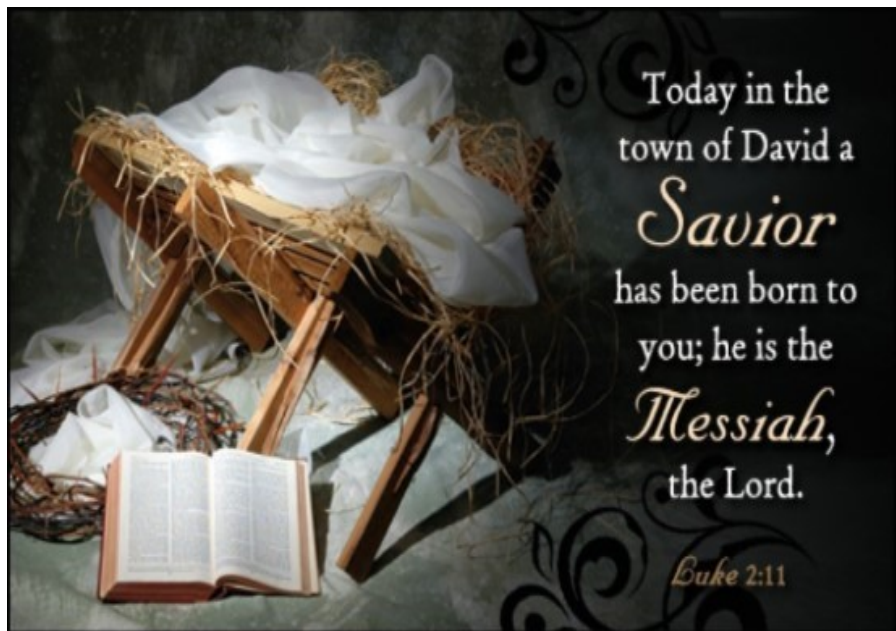
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## Happy Birthday Jesus

This year West Hill had another exciting, blessed Christmas Program. This program was sponsored by the Sunday School members on December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 12 noon via zoom. Mrs. Everlin Robertson read an inspiring poem and Deaconess Thelma Craig presented an informative lesson entitled, “Why is the Christmas Story Important?” Members of the Adult and Teen Sunday School classes presented a puppet skit titled ,“The Birth of Our King”. This skit contained laughter, songs, joy, and most of all information on the birth of Jesus. The skit was viewed by members and friends near and far. A special thanks went out to Brother Tyler Williams and Brother Demarcus Lee for doing such an awesome job with devotion.

## Christmas Day Service

There is no better way to celebrate Jesus Birthday than inside the church worshipping and praising Him. Minister Kevin Callahan preached a sermon from Matthew 1: 18-24 with the title of “We Have the Power” and Isaiah 7-9 served as the background scriptures. Minister Callahan emphasized the source of our power. After service Christmas bags were distributed as well as the exchanging of Christmas gifts and cards.



### Inspirational Scripture

*“Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.” Psalm 65: 11-12.*

## Watch Night Service




On December 31<sup>st</sup> via zoom, members gathered around their computers to usher in the new year. The year 2023 is a year none of us have seen before. We testified and told of the goodness of God. We prayed, sang, and give thanks because our hearts were filled with joy for the blessings we were given.

# 2023

## Health Check

The flu, cold, and covid-19 plus variants season is among us running rampant. In many cases, one might be confuse on which condition they may have based on the symptoms. Below is a guide to help you determine which condition you maybe experiencing. However, the guide should never be used in place of professional medical guidance. Therefore, seek your doctor for any questions and treatments. Remember to maintain social distance in the event you experience any of these symptoms for the safety and health of your fellowman.

### IS IT ... COVID, THE FLU OR A COLD?

 It's likely COVID if ...	 It's likely THE FLU if ...	 It's likely A COLD if ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Fever or chills*</li> <li>▶ Sore throat and cough</li> <li>▶ Shortness of breath</li> <li>▶ Fatigue</li> <li>▶ Muscle aches</li> <li>▶ Headache</li> <li>▶ Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>▶ Runny or stuffy nose</li> <li>▶ Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>▶ Diarrhea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Feels as if you got hit by a truck suddenly</li> <li>▶ Fever and chills</li> <li>▶ Muscle aches</li> <li>▶ Sore throat and cough</li> <li>▶ Runny or stuffy nose</li> <li>▶ Headache</li> <li>▶ Fatigue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Comes on slowly over two to three days</li> <li>▶ Runny or stuffy nose</li> <li>▶ Sneezing</li> <li>▶ Sore throat and cough</li> <li>▶ Watery eyes</li> <li>▶ Fever (rarely)</li> <li>▶ Nasal mucus that starts clear but turns to white, yellow or green after two to three days</li> </ul>

*\*For adults over 65, a fever is considered one thermometer reading higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, multiple thermometer readings above 99 degrees or a rise in temperature greater than 2 degrees above normal body temperature.*

Submission by: Deaconess Belinda Craig

## Youth Corner



Our youth never ceases to amaze us here at West Hill. They continue to display the values they have been taught at home as well as at church. A shout goes out to DeMarcus Lee who won the second grade level spelling bee at Victoria Elementary School. Superb job Demarcus! Also, a shout goes out to Daylen Craig who auditioned and received an understudy role for a part in the school play, “A Walk in the Woods.” The performance will be in April. Way to go Daylen!

## Facebook Updates



Effective as of January 1, 2023 West Hill’s older Facebook page will no longer be in use. Please follow or friend request the new page by clicking the link below. In the event the link does not work, please copy and paste the address into the browser address bar.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083612123612>

## The 2023 Reopening

The pandemic has caused some major changes in how we have conducted church fellowship from 2020 until now. Thanks be unto God, West Hill is now reopening for in-person fellowship every Sunday for Sunday School and Worship Services. The first in person fellowship will take place on Second Sunday January 8, 2023 with Rev. William Crenshaw being the guest preacher. A few things to know: Sunday School will continue starting at 11:00 A.M. and service at 11:45 A.M. Zoom will still be available for anyone who cannot attend in person. We still require wearing mask and practicing social distancing. Bible Study will continue to take place on Zoom every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.



## Diaconate Chair

I am grateful for every member of this powerful church. We have struggled through the long season of the pandemic and are now about to venture back into the church building full time. During this period, a few members went home with the Lord. We realize that God has a special plan for this body of Zion. He is making sure we are prepared to do whatever He puts in front of us. I thank you for the spirit of togetherness and your faithfulness to stand firm on the Word. Let us go into the church building with fire and determination to make this world know that **our God is real** because they can see Him in us at West Hill. Happy New Year!

## Bible Trivia

**1. Why does the world not know us (Christians)?**

- A. The world does not know Christ      B. There has been no introduction  
C. The world is afraid of us              D. The world is full of snobs

**2. What is not a sin?**

- A. Using God's name in vain              B. Committing adultery  
C. Helping others                              D. Stealing

**3. He that loves not, knows not what?**

- A. Himself                                      B. God  
C. Compassion                                  D. Friendship

**4. What word did Paul say that stirred his audience to anger?**

- A. Jesus    B. Messiah  
C. Judas    D. Gentiles

**5. Paul teaches that in Christ, through faith, we can approach God with what?**

- A. Confidence                                  B. Gifts  
C. Tithing    D. Mourning

### Answer Key

1. A. *The world does not know Christ.* Explanation: To truly know a Christian, you must know Christ. Reference: 1 John 3:1  
2. C. *Helping others.* Explanation: To sin is to disobey God. We all fall short of the glory of God. The only redemption from sin is through the blood of Christ. Reference: Romans 3:23  
3. B. God. Explanation: God is love; if you cannot love, how can you know God? Reference: 1 John 4:8  
4. D. *Gentiles.* Explanation: The people were angered when Paul said Jesus sent him to preach to the Gentiles. Reference: Acts 22:21  
5. A. *Confidence.* Explanation: We can be confident that the work of Christ gives each of us access to God, through faith. Reference: Ephesians 3:12

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**Diaconate Chairman**

Deacon Jessie Craig

## Upcoming Events

Dates	Events	Time
1/8	Rev. William Crenshaw Second Sunday	11:45 A.M.
1/14	Call Church Meeting. This will be done on Zoom only using the bible study link.	12:00 P.M.
1/22	Rev. William Crenshaw Fourth Sunday	11:45 A.M.
1/29	Sunday School will be held on Zoom only.	11:00 A.M.

*\*\*Most church events are held in person and online\*\*.*

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