

# *West Hill Baptist Church Newsletter*

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## **Revival**

West Hill had a blessed annual revival week during April 21st- April 25th. Each night was filled with soul stirring preaching that helped rekindle our spiritual fire.

### **Revival Summaries**

**Monday** – Rev. Jerome Pratt with Zion Baptist Church, Purdy, Virginia preached from John 21: 15-19 with the title “A New Beginning.”

**Tuesday** - Rev. Irene Allen with Mount Gazerine Baptist Church, Blackstone, Virginia preached from Luke 8: 41-42; 49-56 with the title “One Physician Who Still Makes House Calls.”

**Wednesday** - (Youth Night) – Minister Jessica Jones with The Tabernacle of Zion Church, Lawrenceville, Virginia preached from Jeremiah 29:11 with the title “Don't Rush the Process.” She emphasised four things we should be doing while in the process: 1. Work well 2. Watch well 3. Worship well 4. Win well.

**Thursday** – Rev. Lanny Wilson with Whittle Grove Baptist Church, South Hill, Virginia preached from Luke 4: 12-15 with the title "Don't Be Satan's Helper.”

**Friday** – Rev. Earl Walker with 4th Mount Zion Baptist Church, Crewe, Virginia preached from Acts 1:8 “The Believer Assignment is Greater than Ever Before.”

Thank you to all the ministries, invited churches, and community churches that attended to make each night a success.

# Words from Our Leader

## Pastor Hymon's Desk

### **Planted by Streams of Water" – A Pastoral Word from Psalm 1**

Beloved,

In a world filled with noise, distraction, and shifting values, Psalm 1 offers us a clear and hopeful picture of what it means to live a blessed life.

*“Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water...”*  
(Psalm 1:1–3)

You are not alone. You are not adrift. You are planted — rooted — by streams of living water. Even in dry seasons, even when storms rage, or the sun scorches, God promises nourishment, stability, and fruitfulness to those who stay close to Him.

Keep showing up. Keep delighting in God's Word, even when it's hard. Keep walking in His ways, even when the path is narrow. God sees your heart, and in His time, you will bear fruit — in your character, your relationships, and your witness.

Let the Word of God nourish your soul. Let His promises steady your heart. And know this: your leaves will not wither, and all you do, in Him, will prosper.

Stay rooted, blessed one. The Lord watches over your way.

# Dea. Jessie Craig Initial Sermon

Congratulations to Minister Jessie Craig on delivering his initial sermon on June 29th. Minister Craig took his text from John 1:19-22 with the title “Why Are You Here?” West Hill is elated that he is being obedient to his Godly assignment to preach the word! Thank you to everyone that attended, called, or text to support Minister Craig. Special thank you to the Pilgrim Baptist Church Men’s Choir for rendering the music, and the New Grove Baptist Church Ushers for being the gatekeepers at the door. Minister Craig along with his family, would like to extend a special thank you to everyone else that had a special hand in making this event a blessing.



## Spotlight

West Hill will like to shine the spotlight on this hard working member who has not gone unnoticed, Deaconess Belinda Craig. Deaconess Craig holds many positions: from church clerk, correspondence secretary, Sunday School Secretary, choir member, usher member, hospitality member, missionary member, and chairperson of the deaconess ministry. She is dedicated and reliable in ensuring programs are made for each service. She helps where needed and without hesitation. Deaconess Craig, West Hill loves you and thank you for all that you do to make this a better place of worship.

## Adult Choir

The West Hill Senior Choir has been on a roll this year! Between April and June, they had engagements at Flat Rock, Miles Bethel, Pilgrim, Unity, and New Galilee. God is blessing this choir to minister his word through song and music. It has been said by hearers, “They are small in numbers, but they sound like a full choir!” The choir is honored to serve and worship the Lord with the gifts of music. Special thanks to Deaconess Thelma Craig for her wonderful leadership as the adult choir director.



## Youth Corner

### Youth Choir First Outing

The West Hill Youth Choir was blessed to be invited as the guest choir at Unity Baptist Church. They rendered the music for their youth revival on May 8, 2025, under the direction of Sister Gail Hicks. The first engagement was a great success. Minister Kevin Callahan of Henrico, VA and member of West Hill was the guest preacher.



## 2024-2025 AB Honor Roll

Congratulations to Daylen Craig, DaMontaye Lee, DeMarcus Lee, and Jayden Craig. These students finished the school year making their parents, their church, and themselves proud but most of all making God proud. They accomplished the goal of making the AB Honor Roll for the year. Through their educational journey, we pray they continue to serve God and remember that through Him they can do all things. We need more bright lights shining, like these young men for Christ in this dark world.



*Destiny Hymon*



*Daylen Craig*

### Lights, Camera, Action

Destiny Hymon, a junior, played the role of Lucy Van Pelt in the musical “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” presented by the Mecklenburg County High School in Baskerville, VA. This was a two night production. Destiny brought the stage to life with her marvelous singing, dancing, and acting skills. Although this was her first on stage performance, she stole the show. She left the audience wanting to see more.

Daylen Craig, a junior at Clover Hill High School performed in the iconic production of “Sweeney Todd.” Daylen portrayed the character Beadle Bamford, the head yes-man of Judge Turpin. He gave a captivating performance and he kept the audience engaged. In addition, he performed several strong musical selections.



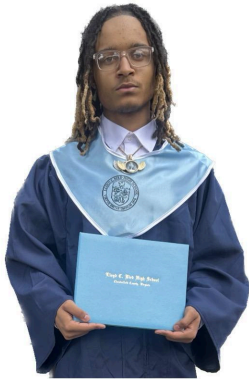
## 2025 Graduates

Congratulations to the 2025 Graduates, Dessiah Reavis, Dorian Tisdale, and Maureon Tisdale-Couch. We have had the pleasure of watching these young people mature right before our eyes. We watched as they attended Sunday School, church, took an active part in the church ministries as well as sharing prayers and scriptures. We celebrated as they gave their hand to Christ to become an enlisted soldier in His Army. We cried tears of joy as they were baptized. Now, we celebrate them as they embark on a new chapter of life.

Dessiah Reavis will always be known as our sweet smiling song bird. She can light up the room when she enters. Dessiah took on a leadership role along with other positions when she was here at West Hill. She would help guide the other members at West Hill to stay on task. Her family relocated to Chesapeake, VA. This is where she finished her high school education. She was an inspiration to this church and we pray she will continue to give her talents to God.



Dorian Tisdale finished his high school studies at L.C. Byrd School in Chesterfield, VA. This young man excels in sports and academics. He shows determination to learn about God's word. He would drive every Sunday from Chesterfield to Victoria so he could take an active role in church. He gained the admiration of the church family and inspired the younger members. We at West Hill believe Dorian will have great success in the future, if he continues to put God first in all that he does.



Maureon Tisdale-Couch has received his college degree from Lancaster Bible College in PA. After graduation, he was blessed to travel to Paris. He did not forget his church family. He made sure he sent pictures so we could share in his wonderful adventure. In the fall, Maureon will continue his studies to earn his masters degree.





# Gone but Not Forgotten

## Brother Jemeire Hite

(March 18, 2007- May 28, 2025)

West Hill is saddened by the untimely passing of Jemeire Hite. He attended West Hill and took part in the Sunday School Classes. Jemeire was excited in starting his new chapter of life at Radford University after graduating from Central of Lunenburg High School. Unfortunately, hours after graduating, Jemeire was in a tragic car accident. It is not our place to question God on why he called Jemeire home, but to thank Him for the beautiful eighteen years he got to live. West Hill extends our deepest condolences to the Lee, Hite, and Hicks family.











***The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
Psalms 34:18***







# Activities Page


## Crack the Code

Can you crack the code to find out what this message says?  
Write down the letter that each picture starts with. Check your answer on page 39.



Answer: Share the Gospel



# Upcoming Events

Dates	Events	Time
8/31	Midway TriUnion (location T.B.A)	10:00 A.M.
9/27	Church Business Meeting	12 Noon
9/28	Communion Sunday	12 Noon
10/19	Church Anniversary	3:00 P.M.

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