

Westhaven Baptist Church Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello Westhaven family!

Hasn't it been exciting to watch God at work this summer? Challenges always remain, but I am encouraged by the strength of WBC. There are many good things going on, but here are a few highlights:

1) God continues to send us new members. See someone you don't know? Say hello and introduce yourself!

2) Wednesday dinners and Bible Study begin every week again on September 8. Woohooooo!

3) Change, which is always a constant in life ("The only thing that doesn't change is that things are always changing") has been positive and positioned us for continued growth. Our Contemporary Worship Service is an important part of our church life now and is growing. Our Traditional Service is an important part of our church life now and is growing.



I have been so encouraged to see the support for both services. Those who prefer one service over another seem to be genuinely rooting for growth in BOTH services. We all seem to be working together towards the goal: reach 'em all!

4) The discipleship and spiritual growth opportunities at Westhaven are fantastic: Preaching from Romans on Sunday mornings, strong Sunday School classes, vibrant Bible study, and a new, pop-up small group on Evangelism starting September 8.

What we have been reminded of this summer once again is that the Body of Christ – *the people of God* – are the church. And that God is leading Westhaven Baptist Church.

"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

For Him and for you,

Pastor Rick

BAPTISM SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH:

Traditional Service 8:30

Breakfast in social hall 9:45
(No Sunday School)

Baptisms in sanctuary 10:30

Contemporary Worship 11:00

Baptism Sunday – Sept. 12

Join us for this exciting day at the church! We have several individuals getting baptized and we know you will want to be a part of this special day!



Volunteers Needed!

Your audio/visual committee wants you! There are three requirements one must meet to be on this committee:

1. Want to serve the Lord.
2. Want to serve the Lord.
3. Want to serve the Lord.

It is as simple as that. You don't have to be a "Techie", Geek or Nerd, just be able to push an arrow key or aim the camera! We provide free training and unbelievable benefits. If you think NOW is the time for you to commit to serving at Westhaven Baptist Church, contact Bill Smith at 252-333-0871 or wmsmith6487@gmail.com. Thanks.



Children & Youth Volunteer Workers Safety Seminar

SAFETY SEMINAR - SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY
A MUST DO! PLEASE SIGN UP!

September 26, 2021 at 12 noon.

Lunch served in Fellowship Hall prior to the meeting.

Calling all Volunteer Children and Youth Workers, as well as all Safety Team workers - current and prospective, and all who are interested in Church Safety throughout our church. This is a very important meeting for anyone involved with our children, no matter how big or how small the involvement is. We will review new policies on child safety and also Ed Ewing will be our guest safety

speaker. A signup sheet is located on the main bulletin board of the educational building or you can call the church office @397-0332 to sign up. Questions? Call Mickey Lane at 757-407-7903.



Family Night Suppers

Suppers will be back in full swing beginning September 8th!

Dinner starts at 5:45 PM and the cost is \$5 per person, with children under 12 free of charge. You can be put on the

"standing supper list" so that you do not have to put in a weekly reservation. If you are on that list and need to cancel or change your reservations, you must do so by Monday @noon or you

will be responsible for paying for your meals the following week. To put in a reservation or to be on the standing list, contact the office by calling 757-397-0332, emailing Wendy at wmorrison@wbc.hrcoxmail.com or putting in a reservation slip in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Bible Study on Wednesday evenings will still be available online via zoom.

The main course for each week:

September 8: BBQ Chicken

September 15: Meatloaf

September 22: Spaghetti

September 29: BBQ sandwiches



Portsmouth Baptist Association 2021 "Missions Blitz"

Saturday, October 16, 2021

See the Missions bulletin board in the main hallway (closest to the kitchen entrance of the fellowship hall) for the volunteer packets. Forms are available to sign up for whichever team you want to be on. They are located on the right side of the board. Once you complete the form, put it in the plastic holder on the

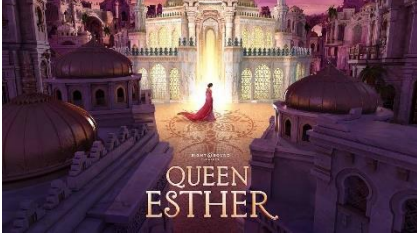
left side of the board. If you would like to purchase a red Operation Inasmuch T-shirt, please see Katherine Lipford. Payment is due in advance. Bob Jordan will be contacting the volunteers as to what type of sandwich you want in your bagged lunch that day.

Thanks! Katherine Lipford, Bob Jordan, Janet Monday



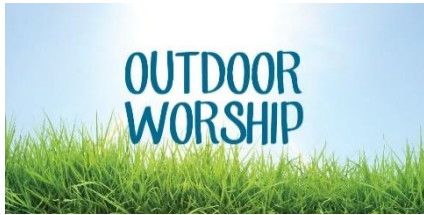
Senior Adult Trips

Senior Adult Trips are back! We will be going to Edenton, NC on Thursday, September 23rd for a day of shopping and lunch at Nixon's Restaurant. We will be leaving the WBC parking lot at 9:45 AM & the cost is \$25, which covers lunch and transportation. A signup sheet is on the main bulletin board in the educational building. You can pay Janet Monday that day.



The Seniors will be travelling to Lancaster PA on a bus trip November 2-4th to see "Queen Esther" at Sight and Sound Theatre! They will also see "The Christmas Tree Ship" play, tour Amish country, eat at some great restaurants and do some shopping. The cost is \$569 per person for double occupancy and the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The deadline to pay Janet Monday is September 26th. The limit for WBC sign-ups is 40 people. Don't miss your chance for this exciting trip.



Outdoor Worship Service

We will be holding our very first Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, October 3 at 11:00 AM on the King Street side of the building. A large tent will be set up for your comfort. This is a great time for you to invite your friends and neighbors. **Bring a lawn chair!**



Faith in Action will meet on Thursday, September 16th in the social hall. Lunch will be provided. This is open to anyone who is a member or wishes to join our group.



WBC Welcomes New Member: Loren Hammer II

When you think of the music at Westhaven Baptist Church's (WBC) Contemporary Service, you may think about the guitars, the drums, the piano, or even the singers, but who is the man behind that beautiful sound? Loren Hammer II.

Loren was born in Hampton Roads, but he grew up in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. It was there that he attended church regularly with his paternal grandparents. He moved back to the Hampton Roads area in 2010 with his mom's side of the family. Although he didn't have a church after moving back here, he found his way to WBC in 2018, shortly after meeting his wife, Ferrin (formerly Ferrin Beagle), a longtime member of WBC.

"As I began to feel the Spirit coming out in me, being a part of this church felt more important in our relationship," said Loren. "I felt a calling to come, to be a part of it, and to get involved." Loren started working the sound board at WBC in the Spring of 2020, having officially joined the church in February 2020. "It made him feel like he had a place, like he was more at home," said Ferrin. "Whenever I'd come to the service, I'd hear the glitches in the system," said Loren. "I'm technologically advanced, and I love pushing buttons. I figured I'd go up [in the balcony], try to learn it, and help improve the set-up."

WBC's Contemporary Worship Team recently received a new sound system, a Behringer X32, complete with a full range of speakers and upgraded sound board. Loren happily accepted the challenge of learning the new system. "It's so much better than the old [sound] board," said Loren. "You can do a lot more stuff. I can't tell you how many hours on top of hours I've watched [videos] on different things you can do on the board and how many Google pages I've read about this or that."

Loren committed himself to learning the system inside and out for his team. "Different churches use this same kind of board," said Ferrin. "As soon as he found out

which kind of board we were getting, he was watching videos about learning how to get it hooked up, learning how to operate it and how to manipulate it. He can even control it from his phone.” Ferrin is always by Loren’s side on Sunday mornings, supporting him in the same way he supports her. “There’s just something about her,” said Loren. “I met her, liked her, we started dating, we got married, and now we are working side-by-side at church.”

In addition to working the sound board at church, Loren works full-time as a foreman for an asphalt company. His crew works on the milling side - they are the ones who tear up the old sections of roads. “Whatever we tear up, we take back to the plant with us, and they recycle it,” said Loren. “Then, it’s put back down on the road as new asphalt. I really enjoy my work.”

Loren’s sister, Nathalie, also works for the asphalt company. Loren and Ferrin recently invited Nathalie and her daughter to WBC. “Now, Loren and Nathalie get to talk about church at work too!” said Ferrin with a smile. “I’m so happy to be here [at WBC],” said Loren. “I look forward to coming to Thursday night [Worship Team] practices, coming here on Sundays, and rocking out!”

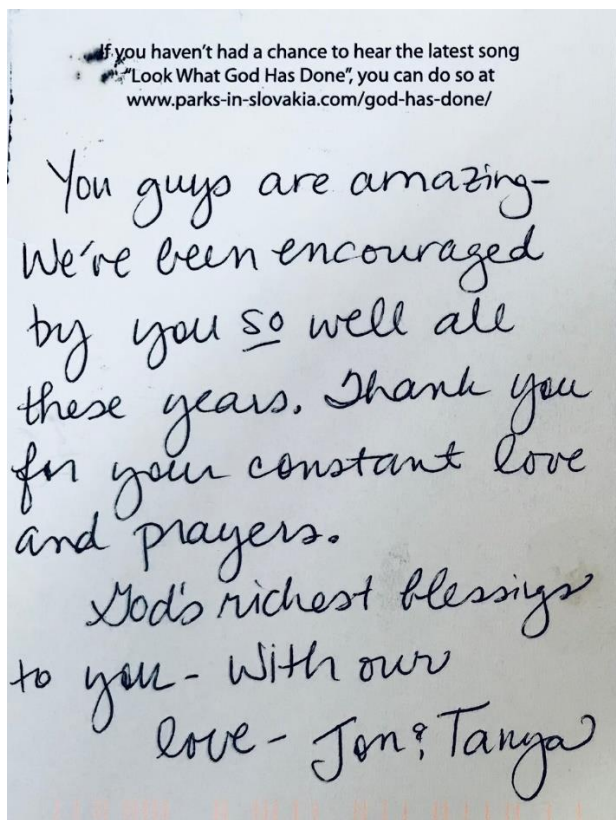
FIVE THINGS YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT LOREN:

- 1.) His favorite colors are black and blue.
- 2.) He loves the weather - watching radar and storm chases.
- 3.) His favorite sandwich is peanut butter and grape jelly.
- 4.) He is incredibly supportive of his wife.
- 5.) He’s an awesome uncle. He loves hanging out with all the kids in the family.





International Missions: We got this nice postcard from the Parks and wanted to share it with you. Please continue to pray for them and all missionaries around the world.





WBC Giving: Month of JULY 2021

Income: \$22,713.74

Expense: \$19,460.28

Budget (Tithes & Offerings) Received: \$22,624.24

Budget (Tithes & Offerings) Required: \$22,453.16

**THANK
YOU**

I can never thank Kathy Hudock enough for staying with me all day at the hospital (which was many hours), during my accident. It meant so much to me and when Rick prayed for me I felt God's presence, as I have many times. I thank God for the dedicated Christians in my life and I hope to return to God's house and family before long. Yes, God is good!
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11:00 AM Contemporary Worship; 8:30 AM Traditional Worship

