



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

"Aligning Our Spirit with God's Presence"

As we turn the page on a new year, I am reminded of the meaningful time we spent in the Advent season. This Christmas, we celebrated not only the moment when Jesus was born in a manger 2,000 years ago but also the profound truth that Christ is still present among us. God is not distant or passive but intimately involved—in our lives, in the lives of people around the world, and in nature itself.

As we usher in the new year, many of us are setting resolutions and intentions, reflecting on changes we hope to make or goals we aim to achieve. While these practices are meaningful, it is also valuable to pause and reevaluate our deeper intentions: to reflect on the unique roles we are called to play in God's unfolding story.

God has placed a unique calling on each of us and is actively at work in and through us. God leads us to the people and places we need to be—sometimes to share our gifts with others, and at other times to receive gifts of healing, grace, and blessing. Wherever we are on this journey, God's presence is with us, guiding and sustaining us.

Perhaps instead of making a New Year's resolution, we can ask ourselves: Where do we need to be in this moment? What intentions can we set to align our hearts and actions with God's purpose? How can we align our spirit with God's presence?

For some, this might mean deepening a practice of prayer or meditation, recommitting to the study of scripture or other spiritual books, or committing to serving others in specific and tangible ways. For others, it may involve stepping into new opportuni-

ties, nurturing relationships, or simply being open to receive the blessings God is offering.

As we set our intentions for the year ahead, let us seek alignment with the living, active God who is at work in all things. Let us remain attentive to the ways God is calling us to be present, to act, and to love. And let us be mindful that, as we follow this calling, we participate in a purpose far greater than ourselves—a purpose that seeks the restoration and flourishing of all life.

May this new year be one of clarity, purpose, and deepened faith as we walk in step with the God who is making all things new. May you find joy in the journey and strength in the knowledge that you are part of God's beautiful story of renewal.

With blessings and hope for the year ahead,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .



Les Alleyne, "Andy" Anderson, Adrian Banks, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Jimmy Kersey, Butch Nolan, Calvin Reed, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, Betsy Summers, Gordie Taylor, Gwen Taylor, Austin Thor, Church Community.

January Ministry

Deacon of the Week

- January 5 Ralph Harman
- January 12 Marcia Geiger
- January 19 Mike Geiger
- January 26 Ben Johnstone



January Birthdays

- 2 Gail Duncan 4 David Cosby 22 Celia Ross
- 3 Sophia Goyal 4 Mike Geiger

Sunday Mornings: Our Sunday School meets in-person at **10:15 am** in the Library and virtually via Zoom. We meet for Worship at **11:30 am**, both in-person and via Zoom. Join via Zoom for Sunday School and/or Worship by entering the following codes in your Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 811 5323 9170 Passcode: 103094 - OR - by accessing link ...
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81153239170?pwd=Ty9GNHVBMdRlRmFpT2ZYnjFEL2FXZz09>

GIVING OPTIONS for OFFERINGS

- 1) Bring your offering when you come to church on Sunday mornings,
- 2) Drop through the bronze mail slot in the 49th Street door.
- 3) Mail your offering to: **Westover Baptist Church**
PO Box 13048,
Richmond, VA 23225
- 4) Give online at: <https://onrealm.org/WestoverBaptist/give/offering>



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

DEC 1 - DEC 29, 2024 (5 Sundays)

General offering received	\$7,821.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$5,938.00
General offering received in 2024	\$63,372.00
General offering budget requirement for 2024	\$61,750.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$1,358.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$1,032.00

MISSIONS OFFERINGS: This offering is distributed among both the state and national bodies of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the South Richmond Baptist Center. You may also contribute directly to our mission ministry, Living Water Community Center, through which we strive to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Thank You

Dick and Gayle Moschler express their appreciation for the remembrances of their daughter, Karen Deciccio, sent to them by those in the church.

Giving to Westover in 2025

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are available. Please pick up your box of envelopes from the table outside the church office. Using these offering envelopes helps the office staff keep internal records and provide tax information to donors. You may also give online using the link shown in the article just to the left of this article. All contributions will be recorded for you in a personal annual statement available in January.

~ 5th Anniversary ~

Rev. Drew A. Nagy

Pastor, Westover Baptist Church

On January 5, 2020, WBC was excited to install Rev. Drew A. Nagy as our Pastor! Prior to this, Drew served as our Youth Pastor, Assistant Pastor, and Interim Pastor. We are so grateful to Drew for his insight and leadership to take us to where we are today, and we look forward as God guides him with us into the future!

Christmas 2024



JANUARY MISSIONS UPDATE

Check out what the Wellness Program offers. Just click on the website link:

Website: www.livingwaterrva.com Email: livingwatercommunitycenter@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: [Living Water Community Center](#)

At Living Water, our mission is to cultivate community where people and the planet thrive. Through mindfulness, environmental care, and holistic wellness, we are building a community grounded in connection and transformation.

Looking to 2025: Plant 100+ trees, shrubs, and wildflowers and pollinator-friendly vegetation to further enhance biodiversity in collaboration with the City of Richmond...Establish an additional 15+ beehives in community gardens and schools across the city, as every hive and tree planted is a step toward a healthier planet...Renovate a guest wing to welcome individuals for personal retreats and sabbaticals...Increase access to wellness programs and expand offerings to include holistic health workshops tailored to under-served communities...Partner with local organizations to make wellness accessible to all, to foster a culture of care and connection. We invite all who seek a slower, more meaningful rhythm of life.

Daily Meditation: Join in each Monday-Friday at 6:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm for 30 minutes of silent prayer and meditation, in person in the church sanctuary, or via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 390 739 0579 Passcode: livingh2o -OR- access this link...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3907390579?pwd=dm9rbm1ZNnVqcDVQYUVRZWFiNTJmUT09>

Food Pantry Mission

The Food Pantry operates twice a month, on 1st and 3rd Fridays from 1-3 p. m. Up to 2 bags of groceries and frozen meats are given to local families that are impacted by food insecurities. Westover and Living Water partner together for volunteers to help with the food distribution. Rising Liberty Church connected the Food Pantry with the Chesterfield Food Bank, which provides the majority of the food, and to which we give a monthly donation to help offset their costs. Our congregation provides food and monetary support as well. Living Water and its volunteers harvest produce from the Community Garden to include in the food distribution. We couldn't do all that we do without the generous help of the Baptist General Association of Virginia providing us with monetary donations from their Hunger Funds. We are grateful to all these entities and volunteers that help us grow relationships with our neighbors in our surrounding community.

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 David Parrish, Facilities Manager



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 SERVICE
 REQUESTED

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga 4:30pm Recharge Yoga	2 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics	3 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry	4 9:30am Community Yoga
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