



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

“Called to Serve”

This October, we are preparing for a significant moment in our church community—the ordination of Benjamin and Chip as deacons on October 20th. This event invites us to pause and reflect on what it truly means to serve as deacons and followers of Christ.

The original Greek word for deacon, *diakonos*, means "servant." To be a deacon is to embody a life of service, just as Jesus modeled for us. This calling extends to our church. As a community of faith, our mission is not just to gather, but to serve—to extend love, care, and support to those around us.

We are also reminded that being a deacon and a follower of Christ is largely about seeking to bless the world God calls us to care for. In Genesis 12, God calls Abraham to be a blessing to the whole earth. This same call extends to each of us. We are blessed so that we may, in turn, be a blessing to others.

At our church, we are blessed to live out this mission in various ways. Through our food pantry, we provide essential nourishment for people. Our bee sanctuary provides food and shelter for the most vulnerable, the bees. Our monastery offers a sacred space for reflection and spiritual growth, opening its doors to all who seek a deeper connection with the divine. And our community center provides classes for people to connect and care for their bodies and mind.

But this work should extend beyond our church doors. Each of us is called to serve in ways that reflect God's love in our daily lives. Whether it's helping a neighbor, making time for prayer and reflection, or finding small ways to care for creation, we all have opportunities to bless the world around us.

As we ordain Benjamin and Chip, let it be an invitation for all of us to think about how we are called to serve. How can you be a blessing to your community? How might you care for God's creation, or offer kindness to others? As we reflect on this, let us continue to live out the mission of our church in our daily lives—to bless others, to serve with humility, and to love as Christ loves.

With Gratitude,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .

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

October Ministry Volunteers

Deacon of the Week

- October 6 Jackie Harman
- October 13 Ralph Harman
- October 20 Marcia Geiger
- October 27 Mike Geiger

Welcome New Member!

Arlon Staywell

Arlon was officially welcomed to the Westover Family on September 11th, 2024.

Leadership for 2024-2025

On September 11th the church elected new Officers, Vision Team and Committee members to serve for the new church year, which began October 1st. Thanks to those who felt led to serve in these positions. Together we can all be revitalized with a new energy as we look forward to our church's future!

MISSION OFFERING OF THE CHURCH

This offering is distributed among both the state and national bodies of the Co-operative 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.



October Birthdays

- 6th... Westover Baptist Church (78 years!)
- 11th... Bus Sheppard
- 29th... Betsy Summers

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=Ty9GNHVBMdRlRmFpT2ZYjFEL2FXZz09>

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

SEPT 1 - SEPT 29, 2024 (5 Sundays)

General offering received	\$5,274.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$5,938.00
General offering received in 2024	\$44,073.00
General offering budget requirement for 2024	\$46,312.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$1,023.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$777.00

TELLERS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 8	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman
Tuesday, October 15	Marcia Geiger / Mike Geiger
Tuesday, October 22	David Cosby / Betty Garrett
Tuesday, October 29	Marcia Geiger / Kathleen Pope
Tuesday, November 5	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman

Westover's Vision

Westover Baptist Church by the grace and power of God, determines to be a redeemed people making a difference for the Kingdom of God in our community and beyond by...

- **Leading people to a personal relationship with God and growth in their spiritual journey**
- **Building a fellowship of love and grace**
- **Experiencing God's presence in prayer, in worship and celebration**
- **Effectively managing resources for the Kingdom of God**
- **Providing community impact ministries**
- **Striving daily to follow Jesus, the Christ!**



OCTOBER 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](#)

Living Water Community Center seeks to foster healthy community through contemplative practices such as meditation, mindful beekeeping, and urban farming, where we hope to create a more sustainable and healthy community, both for the individual and the ecosystem.

Ultra Local Raw Honey: We ensure our native bees have access to natural space to build homes and find food. If you would like to support our bee sanctuary, you can join by contributing \$25/month toward our bee sanctuary and receiving a pound of our sustainably harvested honey. You can also support your local bee population by sponsoring a hive. Email us at livingwatercommunitycenter@gmail.com



Community Garden: The weekly garden workday is every **Thursday** starting at 9am. Come and volunteer to help mulch, prune, plant, & water.

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=dm9rbm1ZNnVqcDVQYUUrZWFiNTJmUT09>

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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 SERVICE
 REQUESTED

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM [6:00pm Tree Stewards; Community Room] 6:00pm Flow Yoga	2 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga 4:30pm Recharge Yoga	3 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics [6:00pm MBSR Class]	4 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry	5 9:30am Community Yoga
6 WBC 78th Anniversary 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service [10:00am Crown & Joy; Social] [1:30pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] 6:30pm Sound Meditation	7 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 4:00pm Yoga Espanol 5:30pm Qi Gong 6:45pm Mindful	8 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM [6:00pm Tree Stewards; Community Room] 4:30pm Yin Yoga 6:00pm Flow Yoga	9 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga 4:30pm Recharge Yoga	10 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics [6:00pm MBSR Class]	11 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga	12 9:30am Community Yoga [2:30pm Prayer Group; Community Room]
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27 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service [10:00am Crown & Joy; Social] [1:30pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] 6:30pm Sound Meditation	28 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 4:00pm Yoga Espanol 5:30pm Qi Gong 6:45pm Mindful Mondays 7:30pm Breathwork	29 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM [6:00pm Tree Stewards; Community Room] 4:30pm Yin Yoga 6:00pm Flow Yoga	30 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga 4:30pm Recharge Yoga	31 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics [6:00pm MBSR Class]		