



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

“Re-Imagining the Church”

For the past couple of weeks in worship and in Sunday school we have studied the post-resurrection stories where Jesus meets with his disciples. In the coming weeks we will begin to shift our focus on the early church that we find in Acts.

The book of Acts is an exciting book that reminds me of an action movie or a comic book. There is so much happening, the Holy Spirit is working and moving among the disciples in new ways, and the good news of the gospel message is reaching new places as the disciples take this message to the ends of the earth!

What I love about the book of Acts is the image of daily life that we see the disciples sharing: they shared with each other not viewing their possessions as their own, they devoted themselves to fellowship and the breaking of bread, and they devoted themselves to prayer and the study of scripture (Acts 2-4). Though this idyllic portrait of life in the first Christian community was not always achieved, it stills gives us something to aspire towards.

In many ways the formation of our monastic community is a renewed attempt to create a community that reflects the early church. Unlike traditional monasteries, our community will be for everyone and not just for those who want to become monks or nuns. Our monastic

community will gather for daily prayer, share meals together and support the development of healthy community in the Westover area.

Our goal in creating this monastic community is to further God's kingdom on the Southside of Richmond and to re-imagine what the church can be. We are early in the process of forming this monastic community. We are still fundraising and solidifying renovation plans. Your prayers and support are much appreciated in this nascent period.

With Gratitude,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .



Andrew Pfeiffer and family upon the passing of his mother Pat Pfeiffer.

Adrian Banks, Bob Beasley, Mary Ann Belcher, Lolas Brown, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Karen DeCicco, Chris Farmer, Jackie Harman, Nancy Headley, John Houff, Marie Jordan, Betty and Jerry Lajoie, Laura Liskie, Wesley Marr, Butch Nolan, Shirley Overton, Gary Pfeiffer, Glenn Pope, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, Gordie Taylor, Austin Thor, Pam Weaver.
SPRING ARBOR: Joan Brandon



May Birthdays

May 4th . . Eva Cosby

May 5th . . Bob Beasley



Sunday Mornings: Our Sunday School is held virtually via Zoom each Sunday morning at **10:00 a.m.** We meet for Worship each Sunday morning at **11:30am**, both in-person and via Zoom. Please wear a mask if coming in person, entering via the front sanctuary doors. Join via Zoom by entering the following in your Zoom app: **Meeting ID: 964 5655 9276 Passcode: 534593**
- OR - by accessing the following link ...

<https://zoom.us/j/96456559276?pwd=TXNZQUVEaTBieVhlc2tBb3RNMlQ2QT09>

GIVING OPTIONS for OFFERINGS

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



****Please remember to review your instructions in Online Giving for 2021!**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

APRIL 4 - APRIL 25, 2021 (4 Sundays)

General offering received	\$7,466.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$5,692.00
General offering received in 2021	\$23,645.00
General offering budget requirement for 2021	\$24,192.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$345.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$1,040.00

TELLERS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 3	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman
Monday, May 10	David Cosby / Betty Garrett
Monday, May 17	Marcia Geiger / Kathleen Pope
Monday, May 24	Marcia Geiger / Mike Geiger
Monday, May 31	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman

May Ministry Volunteers

Deacon of the Week

May 2	Gayle Moschler
May 9	Carrie Newman
May 16	Ellen Seal
May 23	Marcia Geiger
May 30	Gwen Taylor

"Deacons' Dialogue"

The Deacons have discussed establishing goals for 2021... to be intentional about what we want to accomplish as the community of faith known as Westover Baptist Church. Here are updates on some of the items:

- Start outreach and invite friends to church - the church sign has been changed to notify everyone who passes by that we meet in person on Sundays at 11:30am
- Connect with the other churches that are meeting in the building - Westover Baptist and South City Church will meet together for a Joint Worship Service on May 30th, beginning at 10:00am
- Find ways to be part of the global spiritual awakening - Carrie and Drew continue to develop a Facebook page for outreach to younger persons about experiencing Jesus.
- Examine our church programs and teams/committees - the Deacons begin discussion on this topic at their April meeting.



MAY MISSIONS UPDATE

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

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.

We hope to inspire a new paradigm for living in a sacred and dynamic world, fostering a way of life that lives in harmony with the rhythms of nature and awakens us to embrace life in its fullness.



Backyard Beehives: Hives were placed in the hosts' yards in April. Over the next few months honey bees will be collecting nectar and turning it into honey. Some honey should be available to purchase beginning in July.

Daily Meditations: Join in each Monday-Friday at 6:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm for 30 minutes of silent prayer and meditation. You may join at any or all times, in person in the church sanctuary, or via Zoom by entering the following into your Zoom app: Meeting ID: 984 8820 2549 Passcode: 192547 - OR- by accessing link...

<https://zoom.us/j/98488202549?pwd=Yk1DUTYrZGxlc2N0c3hycmZYeXVldz09>



The Community Garden is back in operation!

The weekly garden workday is every Thursday morning from 9:00am to 11:30 am. Come out and help plant the garden for this spring.

Food Pantry Mission * 1-3PM *

The Food Pantry operates twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Thanks to Pastor Horace Wade and the Rising Liberty Church, we are able to join with them and partner with the Chesterfield Food Bank to provide up to 2 full bags of groceries to local families that are impacted by food insecurities. Produce from the urban garden is also included. Come out and help in the garden and stay to help with the food distribution effort ... please consider helping if you are able.

REMEMBER THE MISSION OFFERING OF THE CHURCH!

For 2021, 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 contribute separately and directly to our mission ministry Living Water Community Center.

Quarterly Business Meeting May 5th @ 6:45pm

The Church shall conduct a business meeting on the first Wednesday evening in May. The Nominating Committee of the Church shall present for election by the Church the Directors of Church Organizations. Other business matters pertinent to the life of the Church may also be conducted at this meeting.

Please make plans to attend the business meeting, whether in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link information is the same as for Sunday mornings. We will be discussing important goals and voting on some important and exciting matters in the life of our church. Everyone has an equal voice on all things that affect the church.

South Richmond Baptist Center

South Richmond Baptist Center helps the lost and the least who live in South Richmond. During the pandemic our neighbors have struggled to put food on their tables. Last month many lost electricity and had a difficult time replacing the food they lost. Your prayers and gift help feed them. Our Seniors have missed in-person Bible Study. Please pray for those who do not have the skills or means to meet virtually. Pray that God will help them as we try to stay together. The youth and young adults of our community need jobs. We have helped with PPE for those working or seeking employment. Ask God to open doors to the work they need. Along with your prayers and gifts we need your time and talents. We have damaged gutters we need to repair or replace. We have "EXIT" signs we need to install. We need help with drainage around the ministry center. Can you help?

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Andrew Pfeiffer, Music Ministry
David Parrish, Facilities Manager



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**CHANGE
 SERVICE
 REQUESTED**

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 [7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]
2 [9:30am South City; Sanctuary] [10:30am Crown & Joy; Social] 10:00AM Zoom Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service [3:00pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] [3:00pm AMC Church; Dining]	3 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM	4 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM	5 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 6:45PM Business Meeting [7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]	6 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM	7 Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 1-3PM Food Pantry [7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]	8 [7-9pm Camino al Cielo; Sanctuary]
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30 [10:30am Crown & Joy; Social] ** No Sunday School ** 10:00AM Joint Worship Service WBC & South City [3:00pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] [3:00pm AMC Church; Dining]	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> Daily Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM					