



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

"Living in God"

So much religious language, even well-intended spiritual talk, can leave us thinking the goal of life is to *reach* God. As if God lives somewhere just beyond the horizon, and if we pray hard enough, meditate long enough, or finally get our life in order, we might draw near.

But Scripture tells a different story. God is not distant. God is not waiting somewhere far off for us to discover Him.

The psalmist calls God *"an ever-present help."* Paul reminds us, *"In Him we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28). And in Colossians we hear that *"in Christ all things hold together."* Jesus says, *"I am in you, and you are in me."*

We do not travel toward God. Our lives are somehow inextricably held within God's very self. Every breath, every heartbeat, every moment, unfolds inside the Life that holds all life. We were held in God before we ever took our first breath, and we will remain held by God long after our last. However mysterious death remains, the promise is the same: *there is never a time when we are not with God.*

And yet, we tend to forget this foundational truth. We forget that behind the surface of our days, something sacred is always happening. We forget that the very ground of our being is holy. We imagine God will be closer later in heaven and miss the God who is already here, now, in every moment.

The mystery of existence remains. But so does the task of faith.

Our calling is not to strain toward a far-off God, but to learn to see the God who is already with us, within our lives, within our hearts, and yes, within our neighbor and even our enemy.

To live awake to this truth is not simply to believe in God, but to behold God in all things — in the stillness, in the struggle, in life and death, in creation, in one another.

And as this awareness grows in us, may it increase our love toward every person, every creature, every living thing that shares the same sacred breath of God.

With Love and Gratitude,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .



Les Alleyne, "Andy" Anderson, Adrian Banks, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Evelyn Hart, Jimmy Kersey, Carrie Newman, Butch Nolan, Gayle Moschler, Robin Parrish, Glenn Pope, Calvin Reed, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, Betsy Summers, Gordie Taylor, Church Community.

November Ministry

Deacon of the Week

November 2 Jackie Harman
 November 9 Ralph Harman
 November 16 Marcia Geiger
 November 23 Ben Johnstone
 November 30 Chip Harman
 December 7 David Cosby



November Birthdays

1st .. Bill Thomas
 7th .. Omar Moros Taylor
 29th .. Andrew Pfeiffer

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

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2025

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| General offering received | \$6,927.00 |
| General offering budget requirement for period | \$5,542.00 |
| General offering received in 2025 | \$49,698.00 |
| General offering budget requirement for 2025 | \$55,417.00 |
| Missions offering year-to-date | \$1,025.00 |
| LWCC Mission offering year-to-date | \$4,000.00 |

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.

Westover's 2026 Budget

The 2026 operating budget will be available for your review by November 5th and will be presented for adoption at the regular Business Meeting on November 12th @ 6:45pm. Supper @ 6:00pm will precede the meeting. Make your plans to attend this important meeting as we plan for the future of our church. Prayerfully consider your tithes and gifts to Westover for 2026.



Poinsettias for Christmas!

Westover's tradition is to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Look for order envelopes to be in the sanctuary in November.

Price: \$18.70 each

Order deadline: November 30th



NOVEMBER 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](https://www.facebook.com/LivingWaterCommunityCenter)

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.

Ultra Local Raw Honey: We are a haven for native bees! Now is the time to get the hives ready to survive over the winter. We also now have honey infused with chai spices. This summer Omar registered Living Water to participate in the Farmers Market at Forest Hill Park. There the honey sold fast! He also sold homemade beeswax candles at the market. Thanks for getting our brand out to more of the public, Omar!!

Community Garden: The weekly garden workday is every **Thursday** starting at 1:00pm. We are preparing the garden for winter. Now is also a good time to spread mulch so that the trees stay warm in the winter.

Daily Meditation: Join in each **Monday-Friday** at **7:00am** in the church sanctuary and via Zoom, and **8:00pm** in the Yoga Loft, for 30 minutes of silent prayer and meditation. Below is the Zoom information:

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.** Bags of groceries and frozen meats are given to local families that are impacted by food insecurities. We have seen an increase in the number of patrons lately, so please consider donating food for the pantry when you come to church.



Living Water's very own Drew and Omar have been chosen as *Style Weekly's* **Top 40 Under 40** for 2025...folks who demonstrate vision, leadership, community service, and a commitment to making Richmond a better place! More to come in our December issue.

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**CHANGE
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November 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | <i>1</i> 9:30am Community Yoga 11:30am Kundalini Yoga |
| <i>2 Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service <i>[11am Greater Joy; Fellowship]</i> <i>[1pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct]</i> 6:30pm Sound Meditation | <i>3</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 5:30pm Qi Gong | <i>4</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 5:30pm Flow Yoga 7:00pm Guided Meditation & Mindfulness | <i>5</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 10:00am Gentle Flow Yoga 6:00pm Recharge Yoga | <i>6</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics 6:00pm Mindful Eating | <i>7</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry | <i>8</i> 9:30am Community Yoga 11:30am Kundalini Yoga |
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| <i>16</i> 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service <i>[11am Greater Joy; Fellowship]</i> <i>[1pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct]</i> 6:30pm Sound Meditation | <i>17</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 5:30pm Qi Gong 7:30pm Breathwork & Sound w/Katie | <i>18</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 5:30pm Flow Yoga 7:00pm Guided Meditation & Mindfulness | <i>19</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 10:00am Gentle Flow Yoga 6:00pm Recharge Yoga | <i>20</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics 6:00pm Mindful Eating | <i>21</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry | <i>22</i> 9:30am Community Yoga 11:30am Kundalini Yoga |
| <i>23</i> 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service <i>[11am Greater Joy; Fellowship]</i> <i>[1pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct]</i> 6:30pm Sound Meditation | <i>24</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 5:30pm Qi Gong | <i>25</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM <div>10AM Decorate for Advent/Christmas</div> 5:30pm Flow Yoga 7:00pm Guided Meditation | <i>26</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 10:00am Gentle Flow Yoga 6:00pm Recharge Yoga | <i>27 Thanksgiving Day</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics 6:00pm Mindful Eating | <i>28</i> Silent Meditations: 7-7:30AM, 8-8:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga | <i>29</i> 9:30am Community Yoga 11:30am Kundalini Yoga |
| <i>30 1st Sunday of Advent</i> 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service <i>[11am Greater Joy; Fellowship]</i> <i>[1pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct]</i> 6:30pm Sound Meditation | | | | | | |