



The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

"Embracing Fall: Preparing for Renewal"

As the days grow shorter and the air becomes crisp, we find ourselves on the threshold of fall—a season of preparation and quiet renewal. In our community garden, we've spent the past weeks preparing for our fall crops and sowing cover crop to prepare the soil for the next growing season. Meanwhile, our bees are done producing honey for the year and are beginning to prepare for winter.

It's a time of winding down but also of laying the groundwork for what is to come. The leaves begin to change, trees shed their foliage, and the natural world enters a season of dormancy. Yet, beneath the surface, something is always at work—preparing, renewing, and getting ready for what will bloom in due time.

This time of year reminds us that God has infused the world with natural cycles of growth, rest, and renewal. Just as the trees shed their leaves to conserve energy for the winter, we too are invited to let go of what no longer serves us, making space for new growth in our lives.

Paul's words to the Ephesians ring true in every season: "Cast off the old self... and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God" (Ephesians 4:22-24).

As I work in the bee sanctuary and watch nature prepare for the colder months, I am reminded that this season of letting go is not an end, but a nec-

essary pause that sets the stage for future growth. In every season, God is always at work within us, renewing us in ways we may not yet see.

Perhaps the greatest work we do in this season is not in striving but in preparing—taking stock of our inner landscape and making ready our hearts and minds for what God wants to plant within us next. Just as we prepare the garden soil in the fall for the spring season, we too can prepare the soil of our own lives so that we are ready for the next season of growth.

As we enter this fall season, may we honor the God-given rhythms of nature, embracing this time of preparation and quiet renewal. Like the trees that shed their leaves in a beautiful display of surrender, may we cast off the old self and put on the new self, made in the likeness of God.

With Gratitude,

Drew



Remember in Prayer . . .

Les Alleyne, "Andy" Anderson, Adrian Banks, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Karen DeCicco, Wanda Harvey (Wesley Marr's sister), Jimmy Kersey, Gayle Moschler, Butch Nolan, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, Betsy Summers, Gordie Taylor, Gwen Taylor, Austin Thor, Church Community.

September Ministry Volunteers

Deacon of the Week

September 1 Betty Garrett
 September 8 Kathleen Pope
 September 15 Tony Goyal
 September 22 Sophia Goyal
 September 29 Ellen Seal

Election Business Meeting

Wednesday September 11th @ 6:45pm
Supper @ 6:00pm

Prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve at Westover Baptist Church for the coming church year, which begins October 1st. Nominations will be presented at this meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in planning for our church's future.

Vision Teams: Fellowship; Worship; Resource; Missions; Discipleship
Standing Committees: Nominating; Constitution & By-laws
Church Officers: Administrator, Clerk, Moderator, Treasurer, Trustee, Financial Secretary, Historian, Librarian

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.



September Birthdays

1st .. Joyce Humphrey

11th .. Dick Moschler

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

AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 25, 2024 (4 Sundays)

General offering received	\$5,062.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$4,750.00
General offering received in 2024	\$38,800.00
General offering budget requirement for 2024	\$40,375.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$923.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$702.00

TELLERS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 3	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman
Tuesday, September 10	Marcia Geiger / Mike Geiger
Tuesday, September 17	David Cosby / Betty Garrett
Tuesday, September 24	Marcia Geiger / Kathleen Pope
Tuesday, October 8	Jackie Harman / Ralph Harman



Celebrating Our Brother, Bill Thomas!

Bill joined Drew to become the first residents of 1000 Westover Hills Boulevard over four years ago. This was the early beginnings of the monastic community

experiment. He has always been one to lead us in new and exciting directions.

Bill was elected "Minister of Pastoral Care" to recognize the outstanding selfless care that he brings to our church family. He has been in the forefront of feeding the community through his leadership of the food pantry. He has served as Treasurer for the church for the last five years. He regularly leads discussion in our weekly Bible Study. On any Sunday morning, you may find him adding greatly to the service, whether leading us in inspirational prayers, reading scripture, or giving a testimony.

By his example, Bill has taught us to live more like Christ every day! Our Love and Best Wishes go with Bill as he moves to be closer to his family in Massachusetts. Go with God!

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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Bill Thomas, Pastoral Care
David Parrish, Facilities Manager



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September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service [10:00am Crown & Joy; Social] [1:30pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] 6:30pm Sound Meditation	<i>2 Labor Day</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 5:30pm Qi Gong 6:45pm Meditation Practice Group	<i>3</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 6:00pm Flow Yoga	<i>4</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga	<i>5</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics	<i>6</i> Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry	<i>7</i> 9:30am Community Yoga
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