



# The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

## *“The Creative Spirit of God Among Us”*

Monday, February 3rd marked the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. The days are slowly growing longer, the light lingers just a little more each evening, and beneath the surface, the earth is quietly preparing for spring. Even in winter's stillness, change is underway.

Nature has its own rhythm of creativity. Trees let go of their leaves, enriching the soil for what comes next. Rivers shift their courses over time, carving new paths. Seeds rest in the dormancy of the earth before they sprout toward the light. The world around us is constantly being reshaped, adapting, and growing. There's something sacred about that movement—something that speaks to the way God's Spirit stirs in us as well.

Perhaps the church is part of that same creative unfolding. With the formation of our monastic community and the work of our community center, we've already reimagined what the Church can look like. But maybe that reimagining is not a finished task, but an ongoing invitation. If the Spirit is still moving, still shaping, what might it be stirring in us now?

The landscape of faith communities continues to change, and it's easy to feel a pull toward what is familiar and comfortable. Some churches focus inward, hoping to restore what once was. But what if God is inviting us to look outward—to imagine new ways of serving, of worshiping, of being together?

There's no single answer to what comes next. But perhaps that's part of the beauty of it. Maybe faithfulness looks like staying open to possibilities, like

being willing to experiment, like trusting that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the grave is also raising us to new life.

As winter gives way to spring, it could be a good time to notice what is stirring within and among us. Where do we see new life beginning to take shape? What dreams, ideas, or nudges might be invitations from God?

“If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to you also, through his Spirit that lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

Perhaps God is still creating, still imagining, still calling us into something new.

With hope and curiosity,

Drew



# Remember in Prayer . . .

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

## February Ministry

### Deacon of the Week

- February 2 . . . . . Chip Harman
- February 9 . . . . . David Cosby
- February 16 . . . . . Betty Garrett
- February 23 . . . . . Tony Goyal

## February Birthdays



- 7 Jackie Harman    19 Jim Kersey    25 Johanna Seay\*
- 14 Robin Parrish    19 Rose Robbins\*\*

\* A Very Happy 90th Birthday to Johanna Seay !!! \*

\*\* A Very Happy 99th Birthday to Rose Robbins !!! \*\*

## 2024 Giving

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were generated on January 24th and sent either by email or by postal mail to the addresses we have on file for you. If you have a need for your statement, please notify us if you did not receive it by either of the delivery options stated.

**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>



### 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.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2025

General offering received .....	\$5,191.00
General offering budget requirement for period .....	\$5,542.00
General offering received in 2025 .....	\$5,191.00
General offering budget requirement for 2025 .....	\$5,542.00
Missions offering year-to-date .....	\$175.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date .....	\$75.00

**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.

## 2025 Goals

At the beginning of each year we look to examine the goals of our church ... to be intentional about what we want to accomplish as a community of faith.

Please consider these things during the coming weeks and months.

## Our Vision in 2025

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!



## FEBRUARY MISSIONS UPDATE

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

Website: [www.livingwaterrva.com](http://www.livingwaterrva.com) Email: [livingwatercommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

Living Water was founded in 2019 by a handful of committed community members from Westover Baptist Church and the Forest View Neighborhood. Our goal was to create a community that was committed to the flourishing of all of life on earth. To accomplish this we focus on creating space for contemplative practices that support the physical and spiritual well-being of the individual, community and earth. Living Water is a community center, bee sanctuary, and monastery. Through contemplative practices such as yoga, meditation, mindful beekeeping and urban farming, we hope to create a more sustainable and healthy community, both for the individual and the ecosystem. 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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# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30am Community Yoga
2 10:15AM Sunday School 11:30AM Worship Service [1:00pm Camino al Cielo; Sanct] 6:30pm Sound Meditation	3 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 5:30pm Qi Gong	4 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 4:30pm Yin Yoga	5 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 10:00am Slow Flow Yoga 6:00pm Recharge Yoga	6 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Yoga Basics	7 Silent Meditations: 6:30AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry	8 9:30am Community Yoga [2:30pm Prayer Group; Community Room]
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