

The Lamplighter

The Monthly Newsletter of Richmond's WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

"Faith That Moves Mountains"

Jesus tells us, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed... you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

Most people are familiar with this well-loved verse about the mustard seed — it's one of Jesus' most quoted sayings. But what does *faith like a mustard seed* actually look like?

At first glance, it's easy to think Jesus is making it sound simple — like even the tiniest bit of faith is enough. But mustard seed faith isn't trivial. It's not a moment of wishful thinking or a passing hope. It's something far more potent.

A mustard seed is small, yes — but it's also dense with life, ready to take root and grow. When planted, it doesn't remain small. It pushes through soil, expands, and transforms its surroundings. This is the kind of faith Jesus is pointing to: faith that is focused, determined, and deeply alive.

Faith that moves mountains isn't loud or dramatic. It doesn't need to be. It just needs to endure. It needs to stay committed. It needs to return, again and again, to the cause it believes in — whether that's healing, justice, reconciliation, or community. And when even a few people hold that kind of faith together — something shifts. Mountains move. As Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

That's the kind of faith I see growing at Westover and Living Water: not always flashy, but real. Rooted. Steady. From the gardens we tend to, to the neighbors we serve, from the sanctuary pew to the rooftop bees — we are cultivating mustard seed faith, together.

It's the kind of faith that doesn't just believe in the possibility of change — it becomes the change. And in that shared commitment, we become part of something far greater than ourselves.

The mountain is already moving.

So wherever you are in your own journey — whether you're planting seeds or simply learning to trust the soil — I invite you to nurture this kind of faith in your own life: faith that is focused, steady, and deeply alive. It doesn't have to be big to be powerful. It just has to take root.

Drew



Remember in Prayer .



The family of Marie Jordan, upon her passing on July 13, 2025. Les Alleyne, "Andy" Anderson, Adrian Banks, Margaret Christy, Carol Cozart, Evelyn Hart, Jimmy Kersey, Butch Nolan, Gayle Moschler, David Parrish, Robin Parrish, Glenn Pope, Calvin Reed, Rose Robbins, Johanna Seay, Arlon Staywell, Betsy Summers, Gordie Taylor, Church Community.



August Birthdays

8th ... Margaret Christy 16th ... Arlon Staywell 30th ... Cindi Mashburn

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

JULY 1 - JULY 30, 2025

General offering received	\$5,100.00
General offering budget requirement for period	\$5,542.00
General offering received in 2025	\$33,970.00
General offering budget requirement for 2025	\$38,792.00
Missions offering year-to-date	\$750.00
LWCC Mission offering year-to-date	\$750.00

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.

August Ministry

Deacon of the Week

August 3	. Sophia Goyal
August 10	Ellen Seal
August 17	Jackie Harman
August 24	Ralph Harman
August 31	Marcia Geiger

South Richmond Baptist Center

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Event Date: August 15th 12pm-2pm at the Satellite location 5500 Germain Road. Drop off donations August 11th-13th from 9am-2pm. Clear AND Colorful backpacks are needed, filled with all of the following items:

I large notebook binder; 3"

2 pkgs. of notebook paper

5 wide-ruled notebooks

3 Composition books

4-5 binder folders

I pkg. of index cards

10-12 pens; blue or black ink

I stick or tube of glue

I pkg. of colored markers

10-12 pencils; no. 2

I pkg. of highlighters

South Richmond Baptist Center

Food Pantry Items needed:

Peanut Butter Green Beans Canned Meat Canned Fruit Canned Beans Pasta Meals

Boxed Cereal Evaporated Milk

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Election Business Meeting

Wednesday September 10th @ 6:45pm ~ Supper @ 6:00pm

Prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve at Westover Baptist Church for the coming church year, which will begin October 1st. Nominations for positions will be presented at this regularly scheduled business 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

Responsibilities for each of these positions can be found in the Church By-Laws document. The Nominating Committee states that if you are currently serving in a position then you will continue in that position unless you express a desire to no longer serve in that position. If you would like to serve in another position, then please let it be known to one of the Nominating Committee members: Mike Geiger, Kathleen Pope, Ellen Seal.



AUGUST 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

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! We have completed extractions for this season, and the total harvest is over 2,500 lbs. We also now have honey infused with chai spices. You may contribute monthly toward our bee sanctuary and receive a pound of our sustainably harvested honey every month. You may also support your local bee population by sponsoring a hive. Email us at livingwatercommunitycenter@gmail.com

<u>Community Garden:</u> The weekly garden workday is every <u>Thursday</u> starting at 10am. We have tomatoes, carrots, squash and more! Living Water also features a thriving fruit orchard...apples, peaches, figs, berries!

<u>Daily Meditation</u>: Join in each Monday-Friday at 7:00am, 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 monthly a monetary donation to help offset their delivery costs. Our congregation provides food and monetary support as well for the pantry. 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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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	I Silent Meditations: 7:00AM, 12PM, 5:30PM 11:00am Chair Yoga 1-3PM Food Pantry	2 9:30am Community Yoga 11:30am Kundalini Yoga
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