

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Church Council	2 5pm Church Dinner Steak Sandwiches Fries & carrots 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 2pm Scrapbooking Ministry	5 8am Hampton Regatta Outreach 9am Scrapbooking Ministry
6 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Hearts & Hands	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 9am Quilting Ministry	9 5pm Church Dinner Sweet & sour pork white rice & spring rolls 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10 8am Coffee & Prayer 10am Bible Study 11am Clothing Closet	11	12
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20 8am Deacon's Meeting 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Business Meeting	21 1pm Sewing Ministry	22 9am Quilting Ministry	23 5pm Church Dinner Spaghetti, salad & bread 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	24 8am Coffee & Prayer 10am Bible Study 11am Clothing Closet	25	26 10am Children's Mission Day - Meal Packing
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Church Life

Sunday School
for all ages
Join us Sundays
9:00am

Light & Love
Sermon Series
Pastor Phil Richards
Hearing & Deaf Worship
Service
10:30am

Wednesday Dinner
& Bible Study
5:00pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study

Ephesians 5:15–17 tells us, “So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

September often feels like a month of new beginnings. Schedules become fuller, busy routines return, and plans for the coming season take shape. Yet Scripture calls Christians to more than an organized or busy life. God commands us to examine how we walk—the settled direction and conduct of daily life. The question is not simply, “Am I getting things done?” but “Am I living wisely before the Lord?”

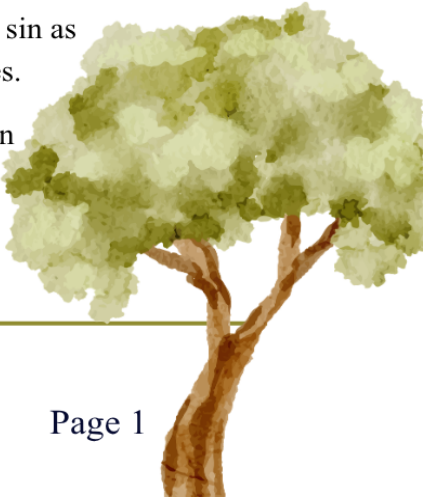
In our text, Paul contrasts wisdom with foolishness. Biblical wisdom is not mere intelligence, experience, or even becoming more efficient. It is the reverent, obedient application of God’s truth in every area of life. The wise person does not let sin, distraction, entertainment, fear of people, or self-centered ambition govern the day. Instead, they seek to understand the Lord’s will as He has revealed it in Scripture.

God truly desires us to make the most of every God-given opportunity. Our time is not our own; it is a stewardship from God. Yes, there will always be pressure to waste time, neglect prayer and Scripture, excuse sin, and postpone obedience. But Christ has redeemed His people, and they are now called to live as children of light. This does not require frantic striving, but it does require deliberate dependence on Christ, repentance from sin, and faithful obedience to the duties God has placed before us.

As this month begins, ask God to expose areas where you have become spiritually lackluster. Perhaps your speech has not honored Christ, your private thoughts have been left unguarded, or lesser priorities have simply replaced your worship, fellowship, and service. Do not merely make a vague decision to “do better.” Turn specifically from sin and turn to Christ. True repentance involves acknowledging sin as rebellion against God, forsaking it, and pursuing obedience in the strength God supplies.

As we begin the month of September, ask yourself, “In what area of my life have I been walking foolishly?” And then fix it... "Do what the Lord wants you to do!"

In Christ,
Pastor Phil



Welcome September



Churchwide Mission Support
We are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions.

2026 Giving Back to God

Date	Worship	Budget Received	Heart for the house received
July 19	127	\$7,325.00	\$553.37
July 26	129	\$9,608.00	\$427.37
August 2	115	\$13,703.50	\$487.87
August 9	146	\$7,090.00	\$465.37
August 16	130	\$6,571.00	\$355.37

YTD 2026 Received (Budget) \$ 289,824.70
2026 Budgeted to Date \$ 303,452.16
YTD 2026 Received (Heart for the House): \$ 13,120.20

Upcoming events:

Every Monday
Sewing Ministry 1pm
Every Tuesday
Quilting Ministry 9am
Every Thursday
Coffee and Prayer 8am
Adult Bible Study 10am
Clothes Closet 11am

9/1: Church Council Meeting 6pm
9/2: Arndra's 3rd Anniversary at WHBC!
9/4-5: Scrapbooking 2pm & 9am
9/5: **Hampton Regatta Outreach Event**
9/6: Hearts & Hands Yarn Ministry D117
9/7: Labor Day - Church Office Closed
9/14: **WMU Kick-off Cover Dish**
9/16: Finance Meeting
9/19: **Deacon's 6th Annual Golf Tournament**
9/20: Deacons Meeting 8am
Members Business Meeting 11:30am
9/22: First Day of Fall
9/26: **Missions Day - Meal Packing 10am**
9/27: Budget Meeting 3pm

Wednesday Night Dinner

September 2: Steak sandwiches, fries & glazed carrots.
September 9: Sweet & sour pork, white rice & spring rolls.
September 16: Chicken pot pie and applesauce
September 23: Spaghetti, salad & bread
September 30: Hamburger stroganoff with noodles & lima beans.

September 2026 WMU Newsletter

Believers are called to a mission - the Great Commission. We are created, saved, and sustained for God's mission, and through WMU, we work to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission. The WMU Emphasis for 2026-28, Meant for the Mission, affirms our calling, emphasizes our need to rely on Him to produce fruit, reminds us to pray boldly like Jesus, and strengthens our commitment to obey God's command to love like Jesus.

We will kick-off Mission Friends for preschoolers and Children in Action for grades 1-5 on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00. Our adult groups will kick-off the year with a covered dish dinner on Monday, September 14 in the fellowship hall. Children's Missions Day on Saturday, September 26 is a great opportunity for our whole church to participate in hands-on missions. We are excited to join with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals. Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Our emphasis for September is on State Missions. The Alma Hunt Offering provides funding for all HerMission (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving.

Margaret Langley, WMU Director

Help make a difference!
Sign up today to join our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event and help provide hope, one meal at a time.



Tee off for a great cause!
Join us for a fun day of golf while supporting the youth programs that are shaping the next generation.

Getaway

A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Step away from the noise. Find rest, connections, and purpose among women who are walking the same journey of faith. Join us for a weekend designed to refresh your soul and reignite your mission.

Women's Get-Away @ Eagle Eyrie
November 6 - 7
\$110; deposit of \$20 due **September 16**
Balance due **October 4**
Make checks payable to **WHBC**
See Margaret Langley with questions
757-719-0268

A Note About Our Deacon Ministry

As we approach the beginning of a new church year, I want to take a moment to share a reminder about how our deacon ministry serves our church family.

Our deacons are elected by the church membership to serve a three-year term, with each new term beginning on October 1. Because of this rotation, the deacon who has served your family over the past year may not be the same deacon assigned to you beginning this October. To help keep everyone informed, each family will receive a letter in October introducing your deacon for the coming year.

As this current term comes to a close, David Flowers, Don Ford, Alan Gaskins, and I will be rotating off the deacon body after faithfully serving for the past three years.

On behalf of all of our deacons, thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in us. It has been a true privilege and blessing to serve you and your families. We ask that you continue to pray for our deacons as they minister to our church family, and especially for those who will begin serving in this important role in the coming year.

May God continue to bless West Hampton Baptist Church as we faithfully serve Him together.

Robert Wigglesworth, Chairman of the Deacons