

BIRTHdays



Tommy Harmon
Nick Brown
Tessa Chappell
Evelyn Harmon
Frankie Hollingsworth
Susan Newton
Patricia Shifflett
Richard Hise
James Madison
Ken Martin
George Kennedy
Steven Beard

October 1st
October 5th
October 6th
October 6th
October 8th
October 8th
October 8th
October 9th
October 9th
October 9th
October 12th
October 13th

Braydee Parker
MacKenzie Mawyer
Kali McHaffa
Patricia Campbell
Pam Weeks
Cale Godfrey
Jean Clark
Janie Sinclair
Ronnie VanFossen
Amanda Emerson
Freda Brookman
Aubrie Shipe

October 13th
October 14th
October 14th
October 17th
October 18th
October 21st
October 24th
October 25th
October 25th
October 27th
October 29th
October 29th

Be THE CHURCH
everyone. everywhere. everyday.

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CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH

CHURCH events

- Sat, Oct 3—Church Family Game Night @ 4pm
- Sun, Oct 4—COMMUNION
- Sun, Oct 4—BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY
- Mon, Oct. 5 @ 6pm; Church Board Meeting
- Tues, Oct 6 @ Noon; Women's Fellowship
- Sun, Oct 18th @ 4pm; Chili Cook-Off
- Sat, Oct 24 @ 8:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

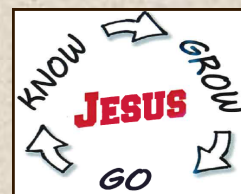
EVERY WEDNESDAY

KINGDOM KIDS & YOUTH
MINISTRIES from 6-7:30pm
WORSHIP, STUDY & PRAYER -
every Wednesday from
6-7:30pm

OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives
being used to transform
the world.

OUR MISSION:



JUST A thought

*The light keeps
shining in the
dark, and
darkness has
never put it
out. John 1:5*



This world seems to be getting darker and darker. Violence, immorality, sin abounding...if we're not careful it could feel very hopeless. But do you know that darkness does not have any power over light? It doesn't mean that darkness won't try to show itself and try to subdue the world around it, but when light appears, darkness will surrender. It has to! Jesus declared that He is the light of the world (John 8:12) and that darkness, Satan, has no power over Him (John 14:30). Jesus also declared that the Church is the light of the world (Matthew 5:14) and since we are children of light (Ephesians 5:8), the darkness doesn't have the power to put out Jesus' light in us!

Far too often we just assume that if we walk by faith, we will not experience difficulty or opposition. But Satan hates our faith because he knows what it can do! He will attempt to do whatever it takes to overcome us, but just as 2 Corinthians 4:9 says, we are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out. And if and when we get knocked down, we will get up again! We must remember that greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)!

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READING plan

S.O.A.P BIBLE STUDY

SCRPTURE – WRITE OUT ONE VERSE OR PASSAGE THAT WAS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

OBSERVATION – WHAT ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS YOU CAN MAKE ABOUT THE PASSAGE? WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT DO YOU LEARN?

APPPLICATION – HOW CAN YOU MAKE THIS PASSAGE PERSONAL? WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY, TO APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE?

PRAYER – WRITE OUT A PRAYER TO THE LORD. ASK HIM TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR APPLICATION, OR TO REVEAL MORE THINGS ABOUT THIS TEXT, OR TO FIND WAYS TO SHARE WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING WITH OTHERS.

OCTOBER

1 - Zech. 10-12; Ps. 126; Lk. 14
2 - Zech. 13-14; Ps. 147; Lk. 15
3 - Ezra 5-6; Ps. 138; Lk. 16
4 - Est. 1-2; Ps. 150; Lk. 17
5 - Est. 3-8; Lk. 18
6 - Est. 9-10; Lk. 19
7 - Ezra 7- 8; Lk. 20
8 - Ezra 9-10; Ps. 131; Lk.21
9 - Neh. 1-2; Ps. 133; Lk. 22
10 - Neh. 3-4; Lk. 23
11 - Neh. 5-6; Ps. 146; Lk. 24
12 - Neh. 7-8; Acts 1
13 - Neh. 9-10; Acts 2
14 - Neh. 11-12; Ps. 1; Acts 3
15 - Neh. 13; Mal. 1, 2; Acts 4

16 - Mal. 3-4; Ps. 148; Acts 5
17 - Job 1-2; Acts 6-7
18 - Job 3-4; Acts 8-9
19 - Job 5; Ps. 108; Acts 10-11
20 - Job 6-8; Acts 12
21 - Job 9-10; Acts 13-14
22 - Job 11-12; Acts 15-16
23 - Job 13-14; Acts 17-18
24 - Job 15; Acts 19-20
25 - Job 16; Acts 21-23
26 - Job 17; Acts 24-26
27 - Job 18; Ps. 114; Acts 27-28
28 - Job 19; Mk. 1-2
29 - Job 20; Mk. 3-4
30 - Job 21; Mk. 5-6
31 - Job 22; Mk. 7-8

SUNDAY MORNING studies

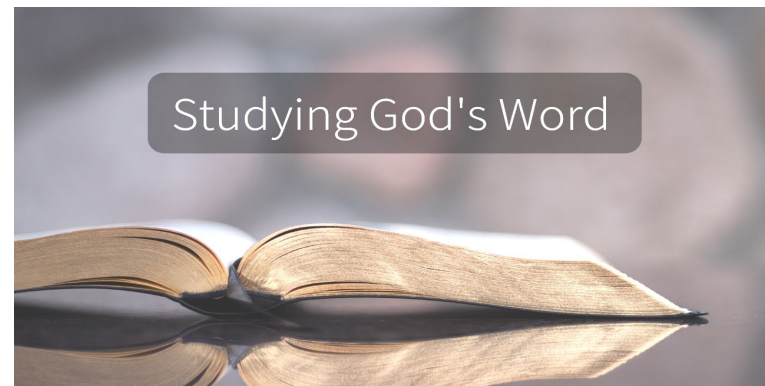
9:00am



Location: Prayer Room
Teacher: Dave Chappell



YOUNG ADULT CLASS
Location: Balcony
Teachers: Dirk & Cyndi Smiley



Location: Family Life Center
Teacher: Lane Thomas

TOWN HALL MEETING

Virginia
Constitutional
Amendments

ABORTION - MARRIAGE

THURSDAY, OCT. 8 TH
7:00 PM

REJOICING LIFE
CHURCH

116 Draft Ave., Stuarts Draft, VA

Learn the Truth of how these
deceptively worded November
Ballot Amendments will impact:

- Women's Medical Safety
- Parental Rights
- Boys in Girls Locker & Rest Rooms
- Transgender Ideology
- The Future of Religious Freedom



UNITY *in the* COMMUNITY



7PM
OCT 8TH

Destiny Family Center
36 ROSE AVE. STUARTS DRAFT VA

PRESENTED BY: LIVING GRACE MINISTRIES

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JUST A thought

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Darkness may try to prevent the light from shining, but it never holds back the light permanently. Eventually it always comes shining through. The light of Christ is our one and only hope!

-God is light; in Him there's no darkness at all." 1 Jn 1:5

-...on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2

-Jesus said, "I've come into the world as light, so no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness." Jn 12:46

-I have told you all this so that you may find your peace in me. You will find trouble in the world—but, never lose heart, I have conquered the world!" Jn 16:33

FOR THE RECORD

September 2026

OFFERING	\$22,532.15
BLDG PRINCIPAL	\$ 2,950.00
AUGUSTA COUNTY	\$ 100.00
ELECTION BOARD	
HEBRONS	\$ 200.00
24.14 WORLD	\$ 200.00
FRYS	\$ 300.00
TRAINING2SEND	\$ 350.00
REPRIEVE	\$ 100.00
PASTOR WANZALA	\$ 100.00
CARE FELLOWSHIP	\$ 275.00
TECHNOLOGY/SOUND	\$ 1,000.00
PLAYGROUND	\$ 350.00
EQUIPMENT	
BENEVOLENCE	\$ 50.00

IN this LIFE

GAME NIGHT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
★ @ 4:00 PM ★
Sign up at the INFORMATION DESK.

COMMUNION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4TH

BAPTISM
&
MEMBERSHIP
OCTOBER 4TH

CHURCH
BOARD
MONDAY, OCT 5th @ 6PM

Ladies
Fellowship
OCTOBER 6TH @ NOON

CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
★ @ 4:00 PM ★
Bring your favorite chili recipe and enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition and great food!

SATURDAY, OCT 24 @ 8:30am
MEN'S Prayer
BREAKFAST

MINISTRY UPDATE



This September, Love INC gathered churches, community partners, volunteers, and friends for our Night of Transformation, an evening centered on the stories of lives being changed through the partnership of the local Church.

Through heartfelt testimonies, meaningful conversations around the tables, and an evening of worship and celebration, guests were reminded that transformation happens when people are willing to walk alongside one another. Love INC exists to help mobilize the Church to meet practical needs while building relationships that point people toward lasting change in Christ.

The Night of Transformation was more than an event; it was a celebration of what can happen when churches come together to love their neighbors well. A special thank-you to Miriam Weaver for representing your church by hosting a table and helping make this evening possible. We are grateful for your church's partnership and willingness to be part of what God is doing through Love INC.

We look forward to continuing to see God work in our community.

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT *continued*

Furthermore, our mission outreach continues to bear fruit internationally. This week, we sent a dedicated team to Mwanza, Tanzania, where we were blessed to establish a new church plant. We praise God that numerous individuals in Mwanza have since come to faith in Christ through this initiative. As Mwanza is a predominantly Muslim region, the spiritual landscape presents both challenges and profound opportunities. We are actively seeking additional support to procure Bibles and other essential resources to nurture these new believers and expand our outreach, enabling us to share the transformative love of Christ more widely within this community.



As we press forward, we humbly request your continued prayers for the following critical areas:

- * The successful completion and finalization of the remaining aspects of our water project.
- * The provision of necessary finances for the plastering and internal finishing of our church sanctuary.

Thank you once more for your generous spirit and your ongoing commitment to this ministry. May the Lord richly bless each of you as we collectively strive to advance His purposes.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Wanzala Okwara

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

PASTOR RICHARD WANZALA

Dear Teresa and dedicated community of White Hill Church,

We extend our profound gratitude for your unwavering prayers, invaluable partnership, and steadfast support that continually empower our ministry. We are delighted to share an update on the significant progress and blessings we have experienced recently.

The Lord has demonstrated His remarkable faithfulness in advancing His Kingdom through our evangelistic endeavors. Our focused door-to-door outreach initiative, in particular, has been exceptionally fruitful, leading to a visible and encouraging numerical expansion within our church family. We are witnessing many lives transformed and rejoice in the spiritual growth evident among our congregation.

A significant challenge that has long impacted both our church and the surrounding community was the severe scarcity of clean water. We are overjoyed to announce that, through God's gracious provision and your support, we have successfully completed the drilling of a new borewell. This vital infrastructure now provides a sustainable source of potable water, serving not only the immediate needs of our church but also dramatically improving the health and well-being of the wider community.



MINISTRY UPDATE *continued*

LOVE INC "NIGHT OF TRANSFORMATION"



Join us for our

CHILI COOK-OFF & TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, Oct 18th @ 4pm!

Bring a lawn chair for an evening of Fellowship, Good Food, & Fun!

Chili Brings People Together ♥

GOOD FOOD
GOOD PEOPLE
GREAT COMMUNITY
♥

FALL Y'ALL

Competition Categories are:

- Homestyle
- Hottest
- Most Exotic
- Overall Fan Favorite

Sign-Up @ the Information Desk for Chili, Cornbread, Dessert.

Drinks & Paper Products will be provided.

Get in the spirit by decorating your trunks/tailgates with a **Fall Theme!**

Samaritan's Purse®
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD®
Good News. Great Joy.®

A Small Box Makes a Big Difference! ♥

Pick up a box or 2! ♥

Choose a Boy or Girl
(Label inside of box - See list for ideas)

Fill with Gifts of Love

Pray for the Child

Send a Note!

SHARING HOPE AROUND THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

Return to Church Foyer by Sunday, November 8th.

Questions? See Rusty, Carolyn or Autumn!

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME..." MARK 10:14

Shoe Boxes. Changed Lives. ♥