



WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Living In Troubled Times

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:2).

Because of the daily trials, tribulations, tragedies, and testing and very little triumphs in life, we often say that we don't know what to make of the present time. We worry about the past and fear what will happen in the future. Let me invite us to pause and agree on this: Life is not just one thing. It's good and bad, sickness and health, weeping and rejoicing, life and death, war and peace, all mixed together. While we cannot afford to make light of neither the negatives or positives of the present age, we can appreciate today if we don't worry too much about tomorrow. According to Joshua Becker (2021), *"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."*

In Romans 8:18-23, St. Paul wants us to understand two certainties: First, the present time is marked by sufferings because of mankind's fall into sin. Paul speaks specifically to "the sufferings of this present time". He was not referring to a difficult period in history, but to the entire present age. The whole history of creation since the fall is marked by suffering. The history of nations is marked by struggles and catastrophes---wars, natural disasters, internal conflicts, power struggles, and crimes. The history of individuals is also in large part a history of trials---the trials of growing up, figuring out what to do with your life, whom you will marry, rearing children, working through struggles in your marriage, providing for your needs, growing old and facing health and death. Secondly, Paul says that the future is marked by blessedness for believers as God fulfills His promises to us, and he urges Christians then to endure the temporary sufferings of this life for our future glory with God, which is absolutely certain. According to Paul, God has promised it and He cannot lie. The Key to persevering in suffering with hope is to keep your eyes on the promised future glory.

Living With Hope

We have a God in whom we can trust. *His nature and promises remain unchanged in our changing world.* He is not good today and bad tomorrow. He does not capriciously change his mind and decide to be kind today and harsh tomorrow. We are like that, but God is not. The following Bible verses assure us that God is our strength, refuge, and hope:

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise- in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 56:3-4).

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation (Isaiah 12:2).

Hope is the Christian's sure and confident expectation. Hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline to God (Heb.6:19-20). Hope is what keeps someone going against all odds. Hope is about overcoming, succeeding, and living the victorious Christian life in this world. Let's hope for a triumphant and victorious future with God. When you are tempted to give up, remember the goodness of God. When you want to resign from life, remember the goodness of God.

Be An Encourager

If you would agree with me that God is intentional and purposeful about all that He does, then you would have to agree that God has a purpose for each one of us at a time as this. His purpose is that we individually or as family units, representing West Henrietta Baptist Church become a shining light for the testimony of Jesus Christ. The question on my

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Worship Servants

September 5

Scripture: Dan Scurlock

Offering: Val Bandemer

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Fellowship: Gretchen Young

September 12

Scripture: Valerie Bandemer

Offering: Kathy Gosnell

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Fellowship: Loretta Hirschman

September 19

Scripture: John Miller

Offering: Connie Necaster

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Fellowship: Anne Greco/Joyce Shutts

September 26

Scripture: Annette Enedy

Offering: Loretta Hirschman

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Fellowship: Ginny Chase

"This & That Around Church"



Leanna Shirley and Roberta Miller attended Marlene Thayer's Celebration of Life recently. She passed June 26 of 2020. Leanna said they enjoyed being with the family and catching up on their lives as well as remembering Marlene. They attended WHBC as a family.



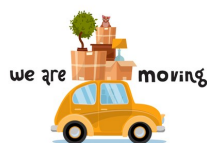
Let's shower Della with "Thinking of you" cards and notes. She misses being with us. They read all phone messages to her as well.

Della Van Doren's address follows:
Park Ridge Living Center, Cottage 3
1555 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14626 Phone: 270-8855

Directory Changes that I am aware of:

For Ginny Chase, Chair of the Trustees, use her cell phone. 455-9479

Church WiFi:
WHBC. P/W
church5660



Florida, here we come permanently. Estate/ Garage Sale, Sept. 9,10,11,12 9-6. Connie & Jim Harper's, 7311 East River Rd. Rush N.Y. We have 50 years of treasures: Furniture/ household/ tools/antiques/ books/ camping / fishing/ crafts/ too much to list! Many new items ! Come get some bargains! They're at the point in their lives that being snowbirds isn't going to work any more. We will miss these members of our family, but wish them well as they settle into their Fl. home permanently. Please come see us when back in NY for a visit. Blessings!

Resumed Regular Services & Meetings

Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Prayer

9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays

Prayer

9 a.m. Saturdays

Trustee's Mtgs.

8:30 a.m., Saturday, September 11
Normally 1 p.m. Fridays ea. month

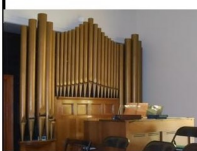
Church Work Day

10 a.m. Sat. September 11

Advisory Council

6 pm September 13

Organist/Pianist Opportunity



West Henrietta Baptist Church is looking for someone who can fill an open position to play an Allen Digital Organ.

General responsibilities: Provide organ music for 10:00 a.m. worship service and other occasional gatherings (weddings, funerals, etc.). Music includes Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Hymns, weekly Choir

Anthem and monthly Communion. Provide organ music for special worship services including, but not limited to Ash Wednesday, Good Friday/Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, etc. Coordinate/cooperate with pastor, Choir Director and other music program personnel. Provide assistance in finding substitutes for worship services or special events. Perform other related duties as may be requested/required.

Salary: Based on previously approved payment schedule.

Hours: Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m., with Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m. Hours may include Choir Practice one evening per week.

For more information, contact Sharon Scurlock at 585.334-0148 and leave a message or email the Church at church@whbaptist.org.

Thank you, Roger for filling in as our organist so wonderfully well.

Please help us find an organist so he can resume his position as Choir/ Music Director.

Sept. Birthdays

3 - Gretchen Young
4 - Jace Morse
5 - Clara White
8 - Zachery Dubois
12 - Isabella Goff
13 - Ellie Morse
17 - Connie Harper
19 - Erick Pires
22 - Laurel Heisig
27 - Dustin Pires



Hello God... we need your help down here. The world has gone mad. Please hear and answer our prayers. Thank you, God. Amen





The Fundraising Committee has been working on options to add to our Capital Campaign for the repairs to our church building. The first way people can donate will be a **GoFundMe** which Laurie Wenthe is hoping to kick-off on Sept. 1.



The second fundraiser will be the Craft & Vendor Sale. We have looked into food fundraisers, a movie night, a sale for items in the basement, art sale, Delta Sonic reduced rate car wash cards, etc. It is a little too late to do a food fundraiser outside because so far the vendors require the event be scheduled 6 wks. ahead. An in-restaurant fundraiser might work. Spring would be a good time for a rummage sale.

Volunteers to help will be needed to support the Craft Sale, and most of the other events we have researched.

Gretchen has organized a fundraiser with Nothing Bundt Cakes in conjunction with the Craft & Vendor Sale but taking pre-orders **Sept. 1 to Oct. 8**. The cost per Bundt is \$5. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 is the pickup day here at the church from 10-1 pm. Order forms need to

WHBC Financial Status Information

As of this writing, the last week of August, the overall financial status of our church is solid! All bills for the month of August have been paid; however, the month's income won't be complete until after the month-end. Currently, our General Fund bank account reflects seven (7) months of income averaging just under \$4K, while our eight (8) months of conservative expenses average slightly over \$4K month.

Our Church lives on faith and as the year-end approaches, we must keep in mind the budgeted needs of our "Missions Giving". Our belief is additional giving over the next couple of months will include enough money to completely include all of WHBC's desired support for our mission's partners of 2021. We pray an increase of "General Fund" income will allow us to realize this faith commitment.

Further, this year we entered into a faith goal to raise significant dollars for our Capital Improvement Campaign. As of this writing, our WHBC community has raised slightly over \$10K towards a \$17K goal. Additionally, our Trustees have been seeking financial grants to help us maintain our beautiful church facility.

Lastly, Laurie Wenthe and her "Go Fund Me" committee have been diligently working to establish this possible "income producing" option for our Church. This "Go Fund Me" income option is a new adventure for our church. Along with the Fall "Craft Sale", a future sale of items available in the church basement, and continued faith financial support, 2021 will see some of our church's financial prayers answered.

We are grateful for all the prayers and financial support our church faithful have provided for our 2021 WHBC budget and building upkeep/improvement needs. WHBC has served as a strong West Henrietta "faith" community for 206 years. Our "little white church on the corner" has been a "beacon" to this same community for 183 years. Our strong faith endures!

Submitted by Dan Scurlock, Treasurer

be turned in to Gretchen on Oct. 8 so she can give Nothing Bundt Cakes the total sold.

Gretchen will be providing order sheets which contain the pertinent information. It is a "cash only" sale at the time of the order. The flavors are Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate Raspberry, Red Velvet, and Lemon.

They are located at 720 Jefferson Road, Henrietta, NY 14623. The owner is Teresa C. Blake. She sells Bundt cakes in different assortments & sizes plus special occasion specialties, i.e. birthdays etc. .





WORLD MISSION OFFERING -WE'VE BEEN
SURPRISED BY GOD'S GLORY
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:16



"Out of the fullness of His grace He has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another."

In the grip of the pandemic most of the World mission staff was sent home to work remotely. Then they braced for the worst. They prayed a lot and found surprises like the mustard seed. Through their faith as small as a mustard seed, it was developed and International Missions had a strong financial year. The people who audit World Mission commended them for the efficiency with which mission was done. In other words, for the amount of money WM spent a lot was done for God's kingdom.

Knowing the great needs in the world, counting our blessing of the past year and answering God's call to support our brothers and sister in their need, won't you search your hearts and give generously to the World Mission Offering this year.

Our Mission giving has been low so far this year! Please give generously to help those in need. We truly have been blessed, let's share that blessing with those in need. Thank You and God Bless each person,

Your Mission Committee

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mind, is how we may best serve God's plan and purpose at this time? I encourage you that whatever else you feel called to do, you will reach out with a word of encouragement. **Encouragement is to inspire with courage, and help someone to persevere. Your encouragement may be delivered with a visit compliant with COVID-19 stipulations, a phone call, a letter, or a Card.** Some of us are by nature encouragers, while some have to make special effort. Nonetheless, it is required of us to encourage one another to become our better selves

Many people are experiencing a challenge of faith resulting from sickness, financial problems, family problems, loneliness, and fear of the unknown. Connecting with members of your church family or any other Christian with a word of encouragement can help them move from fear to faith. Reaching out to each other daily with prayer and a word of encouragement is how we deepen our relationships. Praying for one another is real spiritual warfare that actually changes things, and it is worth all the time we can devote to it. **Pray daily for your church - for your pastor, moderator, deacons, trustees, choir members, organist, and the various committees.**

***"Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."***

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

A Praise and Thank you for your prayers. With God's help, they worked. You were true Prayer Warriors. My son-in-law, Rick seems to be doing quite well since his extended hospital stay, lung transplant, & recovery. He had his first round of follow-up tests in June, and was cleared to travel to Sayre, Pa. (his former home) from FL. June 24th a benefit was held for him which raised \$6,000 plus.

I would tell Rick I would pray for him, and he would say "I'm not into church." After this experience, I said something about all the prayers from you, my church family. His reply was "I do believe in prayer." Praise God. This is the thank you that my daughter posted for everyone. "Rick and I are so blessed and grateful. He wouldn't be here today without all your love and support throughout all of this. To all our family and friends we love you!"

Submitted By Joyce Shuttles

