

The Mission of WHBC is to live by Faith, be a voice of Hope, and be known by Love...1 Corinthians 13:13

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Statistics	SS	Worship	Budget Received
Weekly Budget Requirements 2025:			\$6,654.00
03/02/2025	73	103	\$7,271.00
03/09/2025	66	103	\$7,103.00
03/16/2025	63	83	\$2,880.00
02/23/2025	67	102	\$4,651.00
03/30/2025	81	110	N/A

Deacon of the Week

April 06	Danny Cassidy
April 13	Lane Lewis
April 20	Rob Roberts
April 27	Eric Hayes

DEACON ELECTION 2025-26

The deacon nomination process has begun and will run through **April 27th**. If you want to nominate someone for the position of deacon, please ask the person first if he/she is willing to serve if elected. Then come by the church of- fice and fill out the nomination form and drop it in the box or call the church office to inform us of your nomina- tion. The nominations will be published by **May 4th** with the deacon election taking place on Sunday morning **May 18th**. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Lane Lewis, or the church office.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Please continue to bring canned and other non-perishable items, as well as personal care items. There is a continu- ing need for donations by Hartsville Interfaith Ministries, Carolina Kids, Trent Home, etc. We will sort whatever is brought to the appropriate destination. Drop-off boxes are available at the Office door and the Sanctuary foyer. If you have questions, call Judy at 843-858-0338.



West Hartsville Baptist Church Staff

Dr. Kevin Walters, *Pastor*
 Sarah Roberts, *Worship Leader*
 Deb Hall, *Pianist*
 Jessica Garvin, *Interim Director of Children*
 Lori Norton, *Ministry Assistant*
 Tracie Brown, *Financial Secretary*
 Ronald Brockington, *Custodian*

HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Thursday, April 24
 9:00 AM-10:00 AM to volunteer for prep work.
 (Biggest need for volunteers)
 10:00 AM-11:00 AM for plating;
 11:00 AM-12:00 PM for serving



The Power of the Resurrection

Soon, we will gather to celebrate the power of Christ's resurrection from the grave. The gospel writers make certain to cover this event because it is not just a part of Christianity, but because it is the essential truth of Christianity. In fact, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is no Christianity. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus is not the epilogue to the story of the cross. It is not the epilogue to the life of Christ, for the resurrection was the goal of His incarnation, it is the reason God sent His one and only Son to earth.

The church has always known this. For since the time of the resurrection the church has chosen to meet on Sunday, the first day of the week, the day that Jesus rose from the dead. The church did not choose to meet on Friday. The church chose to meet on Sunday because the resurrection is the divine interpretation of the death of Christ. the resurrection is the divine vindication of the work that He did on the cross. Without the resurrection, the cross means nothing for it has no validation, it has no power. But when God raised Jesus from the dead, He was validating the fact that He had indeed, by His mighty power, bore our sins in His own body on the cross, and satisfied the justice of God. Without the resurrection, the cross is meaningless, just another death.

The resurrection is everything. The resurrection vindicates the great reason for the gospel and for all redemption. The purpose of the gospel is not just that we might experience the forgiveness of sin. The purpose of the gospel is that we, having been forgiven of our sin, can enter eternal life and live forever in perfect holiness and perfect joy in glorified resurrected bodies. The Apostle Paul says it this way, *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."* [1 Corinthians 15:14] If Christ is not raised from the dead in bodily form, then all gospel preaching is useless. There is no Christian faith without the resurrection. None. But He has been raised, and this is the Christian message. Paul says, *For I delivered to you first what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.* [1 Corinthians 15:3-4]

The resurrection of Christ is the greatest event in history. It is also the main event in God's redemptive plan. It is the cornerstone and foundation of the gospel. *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;* [Romans 10:9]

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live even if He dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this? [John 11:25] The question this morning is this, do you believe in the power of the resurrection?

See ya Sunday,



HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY **LENTEN SERVICES**

WHBC is participating in the Hartsville Community Lenten Services beginning **March 12th until April 16th**. Services will be held each Wednesday beginning at noon. Each host church will have a guest preacher for the service, which will be followed by a light luncheon. Please make plans to join us for these services each week. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin or call the church office.

YOUNG AT HEART—JERSEY BOYS

On **April 27th**, Young at Heart will be travelling to the Florence Little Theatre to see the *Jersey Boys*. With phenomenal music, memorable characters, and great storytelling, *Jersey Boys* follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. Winner of Best Musical at both the Tony Awards and Olivier Awards, *Jersey Boys*, takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. We will enjoy performances of chart-topping hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Dawn," and "My Eyes Adored You," which brought The Four Seasons the highest honor: induction into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. Cost for this event is **\$25**, and, as always, we will find somewhere good to eat afterwards. The church bus will be leaving the church at **2:00 pm**. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin or call the church office. Please make checks payable to: WHBC.

LOVE IN ACTION

Love and Action will be meeting at **5:00 pm on Monday, April 7th** in the prayer room. We will be starting a new project that includes crafts for children. Come and check it out!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On **April 7th, at 6:00 pm** all men are invited for a time of good food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Come, enjoy, and bring a friend. For more information, please see Eric Hayes.

ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS

It can be hard to live out faith in the midst of a culture of confusion, but every follower of Christ should consider carefully why they believe what they believe. In a culture that says all beliefs are valid, it's critical that we see the dangerous fallacy of that idea and be able to speak with confidence about what is really true. In this study, beginning **every Sunday at 5:00 pm**, we will learn how our faith challenges us to go to God's Word instead of Google® for answers. Come take this six-week journey and discover how to defend your faith and point to the Answer – Jesus Christ. The cost for a member book is **\$4**. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin.

MAUNDY THURSDAY **COMMUNION SERVICE**

On **April 17th** at 7:00 pm we will be observing our annual Maundy Thursday communion service. This service is a requiem service designed to help us remember and more readily identify with the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Lord. Please take advantage of this powerful opportunity to come and worship our Savior.

RESURRECTION SERVICE

On Sunday morning **April 20th**, we will conduct a Resurrection Service at 7:00 am on the front steps of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to praise our risen Savior.