

## WEEKLY STATISTICS

Statistics	SS	Worship	Budget Received
<i>Weekly Budget Requirements 2026:</i>			\$6,462.00
03/01/2026	57	100	\$14,329.00
03/08/2026	59	109	\$6,752.00
03/15/2026	65	93	\$3,160.00
03/22/2026	68	105	\$4,410.00

## SOUTHEASTERN BASEBALL CLASSIC

Every year, Hartsville is proud to host the Southeastern Baseball Classic, which is a tournament that includes high school baseball teams from across the southeast, and some beyond. WHBC is proud to have the opportunity to serve the teams and their coaches breakfast on Thursday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 am** in the church fellowship hall. If you would like to volunteer to help cook, serve, or clean-up for this event, please see Pastor Kevin, he could sure use your help!!

## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

On behalf of our brother Mark, Kathy and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all the support, love, cards and prayers in the loss of our baby sister, Tanya McDonald. This church family is so loving and caring, always. We appreciate and love each and every one of you.

Martha Bryant, Mark Terrell, Kathy McFarland



## West Hartsville Baptist Church Staff

Dr. Kevin Walters, **Pastor**  
 Sarah Roberts, **Worship Leader**  
 Deb Hall, **Pianist**  
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The Mission of WHBC is to live by Faith, be a voice of Hope, and be known by Love...1 Corinthians 13:13

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# THE SPIRIT

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## **In the Arms of the King**

Oddly enough, in Mark Twain's novel, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, one can find a vivid picture of the sacrifice Jesus made for our sin. The story chronicles the adventures of an ordinary man from the 19th century, who is transported back to the medieval world of King Arthur. At one point he convinces King Arthur to dress like a peasant and take a journey through his kingdom. The results are humorous as the king, oblivious to what it means to live the life as a commoner, tries to carry on with all the pageantry of being king while those around him simply think he is crazy.

In the chapter titled "The Smallpox Hut" the author describes how the king and his companion happen upon a beggar's hovel. The husband has already died, and the wife tries to tell them to go away. *"For the fear of God, who visits with misery and death such as be harmless, tarry not here, but fly! This place is under his curse."* The king replies, *"Let me come in and help you for you are sick and in trouble."* The woman allows the king to come in and he sees a sickly child in the loft and he immediately goes to check on her. *"It was a desperate place for him to be in, and might cost him his life,"* observes the Yankee, *"but it was no use to argue with him. There was a slight noise from the direction of the dim corner where the ladder was. It was the king descending., and I could see that he was carrying something in one arm and assisting himself with the other. He came forward into the light; upon his breast lay a slender girl of 15. She was but half conscious and dying of smallpox. Here was heroism at its last and loftiest possibility, its utmost summit; this was challenging death in the open field unarmed, with all the odds against the challenger, no reward set upon the contest, and no admiring world in silks and cloth-of-gold to gaze and applaud; and yet the king's bearing was as serenely brave as it had always been in those cheaper contests where knight meets knight in equal fight and clothed in protecting steel. He was great now; sublimely great. The rude statues of his ancestors in his palace should have an addition—I would see to that; and it would not be a sent king killing a giant or a dragon, like the rest. It would be a king in commoner's garb bearing death in his arms.*

Ah, and now we see the analogy full force. We can picture Jesus on the cross; a King in commoner's garb bearing sinners in His arms. Jesus is our hero, conquering death on the cross to no one's applause. Healing our spirits and saving our souls

for all eternity. "Thank You Jesus for the cross. Thank You for fulfilling the Father's mission. Thank You for carrying us in Your arms!"

*For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person – though for a good person someone might even dare to die. But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us! (Romans 5: 6-8)*

See ya Sunday,



## **THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP**

Join us in the old sanctuary every Thursday night at **7:00 pm** for *"The Well."* In the Bible, wells represent a variety of concepts such as life and spiritual refreshment. They are often depicted as places where people gather, dive into God's Word and experience a rejuvenation of faith together. This is exactly what we are praying will happen at this service. The worship is glorifying to God, the setting is unique, and the experience is meaningful. For more information, see Pastor Kevin.

## **ESCHATOLOGY**

On **Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm**, Pastor Kevin will begin giving a series of lectures on eschatology. Eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God's plan. What we believe concerning the end time prophecies can play a role in how we worship God, serve His people, and spread the Gospel message. The lectures will also contain time for open discussion. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

On **April 6th, 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.

## **WOMENS MINISTRY**

Ladies, mark your calendars for Tuesday, **April 14th** at **11am** as we continue exploring the lives and experiences of some of the women God called to help shape history and hopefully gain a better understanding of their struggles, sacrifices and accomplishments. This coming month, we will be learning about Esther. We'd love to see you there. Please see CaraLee Henley for more information.

## **LOCAL MISSIONS**

We will be collecting donations for Hartsville Interfaith Ministries during the month of **April**. They are requesting powdered milk (preferred), eggs, non-perishable food items, toilet tissue, soap, and dishwashing liquid. Donation boxes are located by the office and the front entrance to the Sanctuary. If you have questions, contact Judy Armstrong.

## **HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

**Thursday, April 16th**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM to volunteer for 6 slots that are available each month.

*Please sign up in the Church Office.*

## **YOUNG AT HEART**

On Tuesday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, Young at Heart will be going to Salley, SC to the Eudora Wildlife Safari Park. Eudora Wildlife Safari Park, is dedicated to delivering a one-of-a-kind drive-through safari adventure that brings people closer to nature, fosters a deep appreciation for wildlife, and champions the cause of conservation. With a diverse collection of over 300 exotic animals, guests will embark on an unforgettable journey, where every interaction is an opportunity to create lifelong memories and inspire a love for the natural world. We will be taking part in a wagon ride through the safari as well as the walk-thru petting zoo. Please make plans for this exciting adventure. Cost for the event is \$25. The bus will be leaving the church parking lot at **9:15am**. For more information, call the church office or see Pastor Kevin.