

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



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WEEKLY STATISTICS

Statistics	SS	Worship	Budget Received
<i>Weekly Budget Requirements 2026:</i>			<i>\$6,462.00</i>
07/05/2026	53	81	\$7,366.00
07/12/2026	61	91	\$9,895.00
07/19/2026	62	102	\$4,690.00
07/26/2026	55	89	\$3,130.00

LOCAL MISSIONS

We are asking for Donations for Pee Dee Coalition the month of **August**. Donation boxes are located in the front entrance and in the hallway near the office. The following items are needed: Paper towels; Toilet tissue; Hand sanitizer; Lotion; Deodorant; Liquid soap; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste. If you have questions, call the church office.

HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Thursday, August 20th
 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to volunteer for 6 slots
 that are available each month.
Please sign up in the Church Office.



Standing on the Precipice

A “precipice” is a steep or overhanging place—a place often associated with danger, judgment, or a decisive moment. From a theological perspective, standing on a precipice reminds us of God’s sovereignty, our responsibility, and the consequences of our moral and spiritual choices. It calls believers to trust God’s guidance and remain faithful to His will, especially in seasons of trial and temptation. In the Old Testament, the Israelites repeatedly stood at spiritual precipices, forced to choose between obedience to God and the path of idolatry and rebellion. Their choices brought either blessing or judgment (see Deuteronomy 28).

Right now—not five or ten years from now—West Hartsville Baptist Church stands on a precipice. We are growing older, and there is not currently a generation behind us prepared to carry the work forward. We are facing financial strain, a lack of growth, and a campus that is becoming increasingly difficult to manage. In other words, we have reached a pivotal moment of decision. As a church, what will we do? After conversations with our current deacon team, we believe there are three possible paths for the future of WHBC.

Option #1 – Do nothing and die. This is not a viable option if we want to remain a church. However, if we continue on our current path without meaningful change, the church will die—and that death will be painful.

Option #2 – Consider a church replant. In a replant, we would sell our property and restart as a new church with a new name and a renewed mission. This has happened in some SBC churches, and the results have been mixed. This path would bring both real opportunities and significant challenges.

Option #3 – Do the work necessary to revitalize West Hartsville Baptist Church, glorifying God by becoming the church He desires us to be. This option also brings opportunities and challenges. As mentioned earlier, we are growing older. The question is whether we are willing to do the hard work of revitalization together. That work will require all of us. We must make an honest assessment of our church and have the courage to make difficult decisions. We will need to answer three essential questions: Why are we here? Where are we going? How will we get there? There are no silver bullets. Revitalization will require a three-to-five-year plan before we begin to see meaningful results. It will require us to change how we operate as a church. We will need a deeper commitment to God’s Word. We will need to transform the way we pray, worship, disciple, and evangelize. In all of this, we must seek and follow the Lord’s guidance.

We have what we need to pursue revitalization. We have the Word of God to teach us, the Holy Spirit to help us, the power of prayer to sustain us, and the Gospel to proclaim. We also have opportunities to see God move in our church and throughout our community.

The decision before us belongs to the members of West Hartsville Baptist Church. Please pray earnestly about the path we will take together. May the Lord guide us, strengthen us, and bless us in the days ahead.

See ya Sunday,



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



Many of us have visited the doctor feeling perfectly fine, only to receive a warning about what could happen if we do not change the way we live. In His letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor, Jesus offers a clear diagnosis of the church’s spiritual health. He looks beyond our claims of being healthy and reveals our true condition. The goal of this series is not to satisfy our curiosity about the end times; it is transformation. The repeated refrain of these chapters, spoken seven times, gives us our mandate for the weeks ahead: *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”* **Beginning August 16th**, we will invite the Lord to speak to us concerning WHBC. Over the coming weeks, may we lay aside our pride and ask the King of Kings to evaluate our lives, our families, and our church. Let us listen to what He loves, what He hates, and what He promises to those who remain faithful until He returns.

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.

SPECIAL CALLED PRAYER MEETING

On the evening of **August 23rd** at **5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary There will be a special called prayer meeting open to all members and attendees of West Hartsville Baptist Church. Please take advantage of this opportunity to come together and pray for the life and future of our church. For more information please see Pastor Kevin.

LAUGHING LADIES AT THE LAKE

All Ladies are invited to meet Monday, **August 3** at **5:30 pm** at 18 Ammons Lane. Bring your own meal (brown bag or drive thru). We’ll dine by the pool. Be ready to tell a funny story or joke. Swimming is available at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Jannelle at 843-858-9151.

LADIES MINISTRY

Ladies, mark your calendars for Tuesday, **August 11th** 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 those One Hit Wonders of the Bible. Those women who were mere footnotes but made a big difference in the lives of the people they touched. We’d love to see you there. Please see CaraLee Henley for more information.

YOUNG AT HEART

On **August 25th** at **6:00 pm**, Young at Heart will have a night of food and fun. This meal will be covered dish, and the church will provide the meat. The amount of fun you have is up to you. The details are a secret. Come one, come all and enjoy. Please sign up in the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin or call the church office.