

## WEEKLY STATISTICS

Statistics	SS	Worship	Budget Received
<i>Weekly Budget Requirements 2024:</i>			<i>\$6,594.00</i>
12/01/2024	68	91	\$6,800.00
12/08/2024	77	100	\$11,858.00
12/15/2024	79	110	\$6,842.00
12/22/2024	66	96	\$3,245.00
12/29/2024	54	87	N/A

### Deacon of the Week

January 05 Eric Hayes  
 January 12 John Garvin  
 January 19 Scott Huffer  
 January 26 Jim Huntley



### 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**



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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## **Putting Your Blessing to Work**

*“For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me.” Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You as a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit You?” And the King will answer them, “I assure you: whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.” (Matt. 25:35-40)*

Some of you may recognize the name Kurt Warner. Warner is a Super Bowl MVP quarterback who played for the St. Louis Rams and the Arizona Cardinals. Kurt currently works for the NFL Network and is very outspoken about his faith in Jesus Christ. To hear him tell it, he owes everything to Christ, and he doesn't want his family to forget that. To help remind them of what's important in life, when his children were growing up, He and his family used to play a game when they would go out to eat. While being seated the children scan the restaurant and pick out another table. Then Kurt will ask the waiter to add that table's bill to his own, anonymously of course. The Warner's wanted their children to know that because of football they were blessed. Just being blessed, however, is not what life in Christ is all about; it's what you do with those blessings that matters. When the Lord blesses our lives, He does so because He loves us and cares for us. But He also expects us to, in turn, use our blessings to bless others.

There are many people in our community who are hungry, sick, homeless, in rags, sick, and in prison. They have needs that are great. Too often we want to judge people because of a few bad choices in life. Jesus gave us a far better example. Jesus didn't judge people according to their dire straits, He just helped them. And that's exactly what He wants us to do, help them. For each and every time that we use the blessings that God has given us to serve and help others, we do the same for Him.

Here at WHBC, we have plenty of opportunities to meet the needs of those who are less fortunate. For example, for the month of January, we are collecting items for Carolina Kids, *see our wonderful Ladies group* for details. Please be in prayer about how you can partner with our church in such endeavors to actually put your blessings to work. And, while you're at it, maybe try the Warner's restaurant game once in a while. It might be kinda fun.

See ya Sunday,



## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITY**

Attention, Attention! Thank you to all those who signed up to be a part of the Pastor's prayer team. We will have a short meeting on Sunday, **January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the fellowship hall. Please see Pastor Kevin for more information.

## **SUNDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP**

Join us on Sunday night, **January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**, in the fellowship hall, to discover how prayer can completely transform your life and put you in the presence of God's throne of grace. Hebrews 4:16 says you can always *"approach God's throne of grace with confidence, knowing that you will receive mercy and find grace to help you in your time of need."* That promise is so immense it's difficult for us to understand. In Bible study, ***"Life Changing Prayer"***, Pastor Jim Cymbala explores how God promises in His Word to always hear you, answer you, and extend His mercy when you come to Him. As you pray with faith, He will provide his perfect peace and *"meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory"* (Philippians 4:19). You will find that approaching God's throne of grace will change your life and circumstances like nothing else--and that when you and other believers call on His name, powerful things happen in the world! Study books for this course are **\$7.00**. For more information, please see Pastor Kevin.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

Note that Wednesday Night Supper will resume **January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to sign up during the Worship Service or online at [www.westhartsville.org/events/family-meal](http://www.westhartsville.org/events/family-meal)

## **2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2025 offering envelopes are available in the atrium. If you do not find your name or your child's name, please contact the church office and we will be happy to get a box assigned to you. If you know of someone who needs their box delivered, please feel free to take their box to them. Thank you for supporting the Lord's work through our church.

## **LOVE AND ACTION**

The Women's Ministry group will meet on **January 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11am in the Sanctuary. Invite a friend and come prepared to make plans and set goals for 2025. We will be collecting for Carolina Kids in January.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

On **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

**Thursday, January 23**

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

## **YOUNG AT HEART—A SPECIAL MEAL JUST FOR YOU!!**

On **January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30, in the fellowship hall, the ministerial staff of WHBC is going to cook and serve lunch for senior adults of our church, better known as Young at Heart. During this event, we will be sharing a calendar of exciting upcoming events. Please make plans to attend this lunch. Please call the church office to sign up.