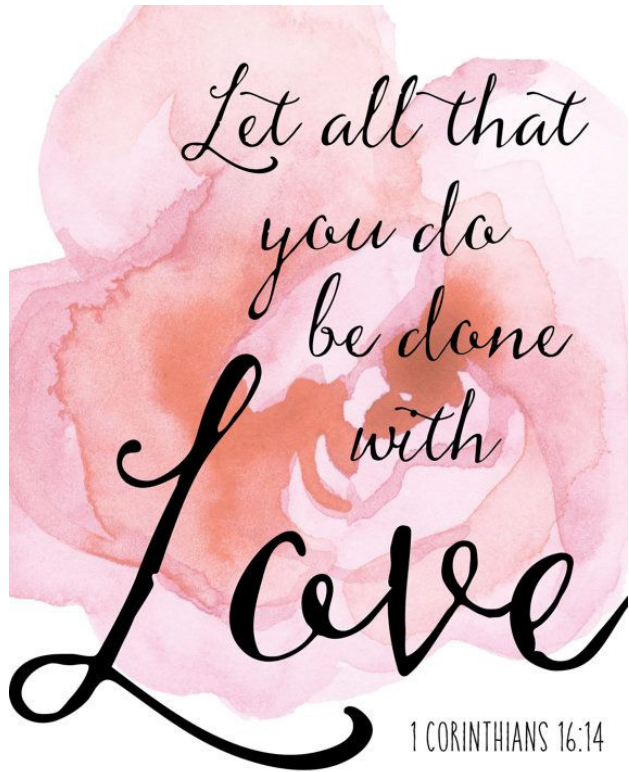


WEEKLY STATISTICS

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Budget Received</u>
<i>Weekly Budget Requirements 2025:</i>			<i>\$6,654.00</i>
01/05/2025	66	87	\$9,161.00
01/12/2025	73	106	\$12,089.00
01/19/2025	56	83	\$3,265.00
01/26/2025	69	99	\$4,767.00

Deacon of the Week

February 2 Chris Henley
February 9 Danny Cassidy
February 16 Lane Lewis
February 23 Rob Roberts



West Hartsville Baptist Church Staff

Dr. Kevin Walters, *Pastor*
Sarah Roberts, *Worship Leader*
Deb Hall, *Pianist*
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE SPIRIT

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

Change My Heart, O God

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” [Psalm 51:10]

One of my favorite choruses, that we don't sing near enough, is “Change My Heart, O God.” But that chorus elicits a question inside of us. Do we know what it means for God to change our hearts? Are we willing to come before the Lord with a heart that is truly in need of changing? Are we prepared to allow the Potter to mold us shape us as the work of His hand (Isaiah 64:8)?

When Nathan finally challenged him about his sin with Bathsheba, David then became a broken man before the Lord, and only then could he write the heartfelt confession we read in Psalm 51. If only we could write with such honesty. If only we could muster the courage to pour our heart out to God, emptying ourselves concerning our sin and shame, and beg Him to bring about a change in us. *“A broken spirit; a broken and crushed heart, O God, You will not despise.”* [Psalm 51:17] But before we can come before the Lord as David did, we must be honest about two things.

First, we must be honest about who we are. Coming before the Lord humble and broken, we must acknowledge our sinful nature and need for a change in our hearts. We cannot rest on our church dedication and Christian busyness and say we have no need for a changed heart. Like David, we must desire for the Lord to work His power in our lives. We must come totally clean about our sinfulness. We must relinquish total control of our lives to the Potter, so that He might use us in a mighty and powerful way to glorify Him and further His kingdom.

Second, we must be honest about who God is. Scripture is brimming with verses that speak of God's forgiveness, love, and mercy. But the verse that has always touched me is Luke 15:20. *“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”* That is exactly how God approaches us when we come to Him. At the throne of grace, we do not find condemnation, but grace and mercy (Hebrews 4:16). God, the Father, runs to us with great enthusiasm and loves us even more.

Do you get it? Yes, David sinned, but he was still a man after God's own heart, and God loved him deeply. Yes,

we too are sinners, but we are still His children, and he loves us deeply.

Do you desire the Lord to change your heart today? Come before the Him today. Come and worship Him for His love and faithfulness. Come, let God change your heart.

See ya Sunday,



SUNDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

Join us on **Sundays 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.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Carolina's Kids provides less fortunate children with food, clothing, school supplies, and other necessities. A child cannot learn if their basic necessities are not met. As part of their mission, Carolina's Kids sends approximately 420 bags home with kids each week. **On Tuesday, February 4th at 4:00 pm**, WHBC is going to Carolina's Kids to help by providing food and packing the bags. **The food items needed are mac and cheese, plastic jars of peanut butter (16 oz. size), and cans of beefaroni and spaghetti-o's with pop tops.** Please pray about either donating the needed food items or participate with the packing on February 4th. Of course, participating in both will be most appreciated. For more information, please see Judy Armstrong, Pastor Kevin, or call the church office.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men are collecting bed linens and blankets to help a warming shelter here in Hartsville. Please bring them to the church office and we will get them picked up.

HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Thursday, February 20

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

On **Tuesday, February 25**, Young at Heart will be enjoying a day at the South Carolina Cotton Museum and the Lee County Veterans Museum in Bishopville, SC. Please make plans to come and enjoy this time together. The bus will be leaving at approximately 10:00 am and will arrive back at the church around 3:00 pm. Please sign up in the church office *as soon as you can*. **PRICES:** Veterans are free; \$4 for seniors; \$6 for non-seniors.