

## WEEKLY STATISTICS

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Budget Received</u>
<i>Weekly Budget Requirements 2025:</i>			
02/02/2025	73	102	\$8,120.00
02/09/2025	63	102	\$6,835.00
02/16/2025	60	77	\$3,130.00
02/23/2025	67	102	\$4,639.00

### Deacon of the Week

March 02	Eric Hayes
March 09	John Garvin
March 16	Scott Huffer
March 23	Jim Huntley
March 30	Chris Henley

### ATTENTION KIDS

WHBC kids, join us for our March Kids' Quest this **Sunday, March 2!** All preschool and elementary children are invited to gather in the Children's Church room immediately following the worship service on the first Sunday of each month for lunch and a ton of fun! Parents, pickup is at 1:30 PM at the playground-side door. Contact Jessica Garvin for more details.

### 2025 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

Named after a trailblazer for missions at the beginning of the twentieth century, 100% of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is designated to provide financial support for over 3,000 Southern Baptist missionaries and their families, to enable hundreds of churches to be planted, and to create outreach opportunities throughout North America resulting in thousands of disciples of Jesus being made. **Our 2025 church goal is to exceed \$2000.** Ingathering will be **Sunday, April 13th** during the Morning Worship.



### 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**



Sunday, March 9th



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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## **Pride**

*When pride comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom.* (Proverbs 11:2)

The issue of pride can and does devastate God's plan for our lives. Many times, we begin our Christian walk well. Our focus is set on God, and our hearts are fully committed to Him. Then without warning, pride begins to rise up, preventing us from being all God wants us to be by blinding us to His ways. It tempts us to believe that we know better than He does. If left unchecked, pride will alter our attitude toward God and the route He has chosen for us to take.

Of all the struggles that we face in life, pride is the one that has the most devastating results. Many of our problems result from the pride that exists in our lives, but too many times we fail to comprehend this. We become prideful over the good things God has given us — jobs, homes, families, churches etc.

God is very specific. He hates pride. In fact, it is at the top of His list of sins that He despises: *"The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate"* (Prov. 8:13).

In his book *Power through Prayer*, E. M. Bounds writes, *"Today somehow, self, not God, rules in the holy of holies...self-ability in some wicked form has defamed and violated the temple which should be held sacred for God."* No matter how hard we try to cover it up, excuse it or justify it, pride produces the same result — arrogance and rebellion against God. What possibly could be wrong with me taking pride in the talents God has given me?" There is nothing wrong with having a sense of pride in doing things well. God gives us talents and abilities to use for His glory, and He wants us to do our best. When we do, we honor Him and His life within us.

Many people, however, fail to honor the Lord with their talents, abilities, and attitudes. They believe Satan's lies, which tell them they can accomplish whatever *they* want apart from God. This always leads us away from God, and Satan wins the battle.

Pride always overemphasizes self. Our hearts need to be God-focused and not self-focused. What we think, feel, have, want and desire is not what is important. If you are setting goals without God's input, then you are on pride's trail, and you are heading for trouble.

Psalm 10:2 – In pride the wicked relentlessly pursue the afflicted.

Psalm 73:6 – Therefore pride is their necklace, and violence covers them like a garment.

Psalm 75:5 – Do not lift your horn against heaven or speak with insolent pride.

Proverbs 16:18 – Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 21:24 – The proud and arrogant person, named "Mocker", acts with excessive pride.

Proverbs 29:23 – A person's pride will humble him, but a humble spirit will gain honor.

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.

## **LOCAL MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring canned and other non-perishable items, as well as personal care items. There is a continuing 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.

## **LOVE IN ACTION**

The ladies ministry, love and action will meet in the prayer room at **11:00 am on March 3**. Several of us will be making deliveries after the meeting, so bring your donations of canned and nonperishable items.

## **ATTENTION MEN**

On **March 3rd at 6:30 pm** all men are invited to meet at Kelletown Baptist Church for a special program for all men. Please let Eric Hayes know if you are planning to attend because he must let KBC know how many to expect.

## **HARTSVILLE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

**Tuesday, March 25**

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

## **STARS AND STRIPES PROJECT**

Due to the extensive requirements of the pavilion project and the tight deadline, Hannah Henley has decided to shift her focus to a smaller, yet meaningful project that which she is truly passionate: the transformation of the prayer garden outside the fellowship hall. The project will involve several steps, including clearing the designated space, constructing two benches, building a prayer box, and planting various flowers that will thrive in that area. The funds from the t-shirt sales as well as other generous donations will be used to fund the necessary materials for the construction and landscaping. This prayer garden will offer a serene place for people to pray and reflect. For more information, please see Hannah Henley.