

# THE WBC CHRONICLES

NOVEMBER 2023

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15 NASB*

## *Tell of Three Cities*

BY PASTOR CHRIS HILLIARD

"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations." - Genesis 17:4-5 (NASB)

In light of the events in the middle east, I thought I'd share about the three views of God's promise to Abraham. God made a covenant with Abraham and told him that he would be the father of a great nation. Now, there are three prominent interpretations of what that meant and how that was fulfilled. **Judaism** understands that to refer to the arrival of the promised son, Isaac. Ishmael is the illegitimate child who would also be the father of many, too many to count, who would be in constant conflict against all others (Genesis 16:10-12). And Isaac would be the father of Jacob and Jacob would be the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. Israel is the great nation. Jerusalem the great city. This view is correct, but incomplete.

The second view would be Islam which holds Isaac high as a blessed prophet but believes Ishmael, the first born, is the one the great nation would come through. Ishmael would have twelve sons and one of them would be the ancestor of Muhammad, the last great prophet of God.



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Muslims are the great nation and will take over the world to create the worldwide great nation. Mecca is the great city. This view has flipped the script and is incorrect. The final view is Christianity. Christianity would agree with Judaism's understanding but takes it further. Isaac is the promised son and Israel the chosen people of God. They were chosen to declare God to the world. Through the lineage of Abraham (and Isaac) would come the Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus). Jesus came to take away the sins of the world. And those who believe in Him will be born again and have everlasting life. All believers are the great nation (Romans 4:9-12, Galatians 3:26-29). One day all believers will dwell with God in His kingdom to come. That will encompass the new heaven, new earth, and the great city New Jerusalem (Revelation 21).

This is a somewhat oversimplified summary of the three views and those who adhere to them. But I hope it helps you to see that we must have our Bibles open as we hear the news of today. And it calls us to proclaim Jesus to the nations because in Jesus is the hope of the world (John 3:16-17)

Heaven Bound,  
Pastor Chris



# WBC OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



Saturday, Oct 7  
Harvest  
Festival in  
downtown  
Wendell



Fire Prevention  
Week with Wendell  
Fire Department  
with our  
Preschoolers!



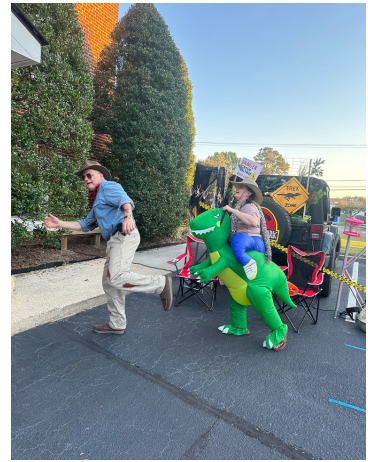
Wendell Treat Trail  
Friday, Oct. 27



JOY Group  
October Meeting



# WBC OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



# TRUNK OR TREAT

*Saturday, October 28*

# Offering

AN ACT OF GRATITUDE

## OFFERING

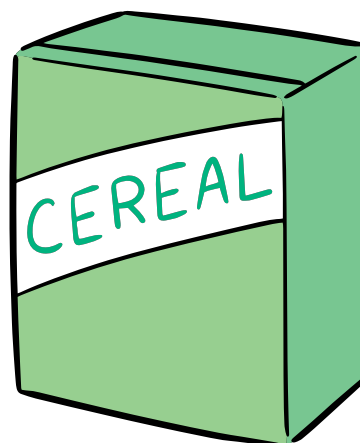
Week of Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2023

	Budget	Actual
Contributions for 2023	389,705.52	395,543.06
Expenses for 2023	379,085.02	387,765.28
Weekly Donations	6,706.00	9,018.90
Funding The Future balance		83,917.38

Sunday, October 30: Life Group Attendance - 173

Sunday, October 30: Worship Attendance - 172

Food Pantry  
Request:  
Bring boxes of  
cereal for the month  
of November



# Weekly Calendar of Events

## SUNDAYS

- 8:30 a.m. -Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. -Life Groups
- 10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. -Livestream English Worship Service (to watch this service live, go to [www.wendellbaptist.com](http://www.wendellbaptist.com) or Facebook)
- 11:00 a.m. -Hispanic Worship Service, Large Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. -Livestream Hispanic Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. -Kid's Holiday Choir Practice
- 5:00 p.m. -David Hodges's Study on Genesis, Classroom 106
- 5:00 p.m. -Youth Band Practice, Youth Room

## MONDAYS

- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Kristy Todd's Bible Study, Small Fellowship Hall
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. -Food Pantry open in Small Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAYS

- 6:30 p.m. -GA's/RA's/Youth/Preschool Activities
- 6:30 p.m. -David Hodges's Study, Classroom 106
- 6:30 p.m. -Women's Bible Study, Classroom 213
- 6:30 p.m. -Hernan Salazar's Study, Classroom 201
- 7:30 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:45 p.m. -Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## THURSDAYS

- 7:00 p.m. -Road to Recovery, Large Fellowship Hall

## FRIDAYS

- 6:30 a.m. -Men's Bible Study, Small Fellowship Hall

**MONTHLY MAGAZINES, QUARTERLY DEVOTIONALS, ETC. ARE ON THE BACK PORCH OF THE CHURCH OFFICE AND IN THE MAGAZINE RACKS IN THE HALLWAY PAST THE WELCOME CENTER FOYER.**



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

2. MIKE CARROLL, CEE TODD
3. THOMAS WILSON
5. CASEY UTLEY
7. SAVANNAH HILLIARD, CARA PACE DUNNAVANT
8. TRILLIS BATTEN
9. MONICA PHILLIPS
10. GENE CALL, JUDY EDWARDS, BETTY WILLIFORD
12. ELI HILLIARD, PAM LEWIS, RICKY TODD\*, CAMERON WALLER
13. ASHTON CANNON
14. JAN COLLINS
15. DANNY CORNETT\*\*, GINA HOPKINS, HANNAH SASSER
17. JANE STEPHENS
19. JARRETT FRAZIER, DERECK WILLIS
21. APRIL CORNETT BLINSON, KEN RUDDER
23. GRACE PARKER\*
25. FRED ALFORD
26. CHARLES CANNON, RICHARD TODD
27. DON BATTEN, AMY HENDREN
28. BEN HOLT
29. APRYL FRAZIER
30. AMANDA TURNER

**WE WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE WENDELL BAPTIST CHURCH  
MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH!**

**\*CHILDREN OF MEMBERS; \*\*SPOUSE OF MEMBER**



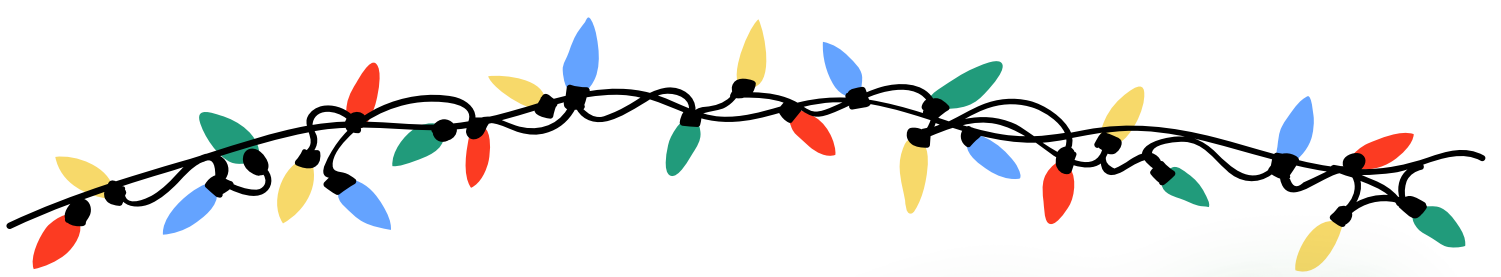
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# November



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Community Night of Praise at 6:30 pm Bethesda Baptist Church, Clayton	4
5 Ladies Fellowship Tea Party 3:00-4:30 PM	6	7	8 Family Meal Large FH 5:20-6:15	9	10	11 Men's Monthly Breakfast at 8:00 AM  Children & Youth OCC Packing Party at 6:00
12 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	13 Budget & Finance Team Meeting 7:00 PM	14 JOY Group & WMU Meeting Large FH 11:00 AM	15 Family Meal Large FH 5:20-6:15	16	17	18 Jingle Bell Express 9:00 am- 2:00 pm
19 Quarterly Business Meeting 5:00 PM	20	21 Chili Cook Off Large FH 6:00 PM	22 NO Wednesday night activities	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	24 OCC Trip to Charolette to process shoeboxes	25
26	27	28	29	30		





*Tis the  
Season!*

## **WENDELL BAPTIST CHURCH DROP OFF SITE HOURS OF OPERATION**

**SUN, NOV. 12: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**MON, NOV. 13: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**TUE, NOV. 14: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**WED, NOV. 15: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**THU, NOV. 16: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**FRI, NOV. 17: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**SAT, NOV. 18: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**SUN, NOV. 19: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**MON, NOV. 20: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**BRING YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES DURING  
THIS TIME, HELP UNLOAD BOXES FROM  
AREA CHURCHES, AND JOIN THE FUN!**

# Christmas BY A STABLE

BEAUTIFUL STAR  
OF BETHLEHEM  
LIGHT OF THE STABLE  
FEELS LIKE JOY  
GRATITUDE  
I STILL BELIEVE  
IN CHRISTMAS  
NIGHT OF GLORY  
SHEPHERDS, ANGELS  
AND KINGS  
GOD REALLY LOVES US

WENDELL  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*...and more!*

*Saturday Night 12/16 • Large Fellowship Hall*

Choir and Kid's Choirs Meeting Now!



Give thanks to Him,  
and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4

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