

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Have Begun! Join us on Wednesdays for:

### 5:30-6:15: Emmaus Café - Sign up by Tues. @ noon

9/21 Menu: Fajitas, Spanish Rice,  
Sautéed Squash & Onions and Dessert  
Adults (12+): \$6; Children (2-11): \$4; Family max: \$25

### 6:15-7:00: Programs for All Ages

- **NURSERY** for infants - 2's
- **JUBILEE for 3's - K:** sing, dance, play, create and hear a Bible story with Miss Sally & Miss Robin
- **CHILDREN IN ACTION & FIFTY6** (GRADES 1-6)  
1st-6th graders will learn and perform a children's musical this year. *In the Image*, is a humorous, earnest exploration of what it means to be created in the image of God.
- **YOUTH CHILL** (grades 7-12) Take a break from the stress and busy-ness of school and life to play some games, talk about your week and hang with Bishop and your awesome youth group friends.
- **NEW FOR ADULTS: SERMON UPFRONT**  
Each Wednesday, we'll study, ask questions and share our thoughts about the sermon text for that week. This will give us time to ponder these texts before worship on Sunday morning. You may even find that some of your questions or comments will show up in Drew's sermon!

**7:05: Adult Choir Rehearsal:** New singers welcome!  
Contact Mark if interested or with any questions.



**Church**  
FINANCES

### AUGUST FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Aug. Gifts:	\$28,623.87
Aug. Expenses:	\$38,488.39
Net Total:	- \$9,864.52

YTD Contributions:	\$284,944.34
YTD Expenses:	\$304,851.47
Net Total:	- \$19,907.13

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## Hi-Lites

Sept. 14, 2022

West Main Baptist Church  
450 West Main Street  
Danville, VA 24541  
Phone: (434) 792-5960  
E-mail:  
[westmainbaptist@comcast.net](mailto:westmainbaptist@comcast.net)  
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 A.M.

### Coming Up:

**Reg. Business Meeting**  
September 21, 6:15 P.M.

**Picnic at the Mills' Farm**  
October 2, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

**Blessing of the Animals**  
October 16, 3:00-4:00 P.M.



**ECHO Trip to the  
Piedmont Triad Farmers  
Market in Greensboro:  
Thursday, Oct. 13**

Leave West Main @ 9:00 A.M.

Lunch 12:00 - Moose Cafe  
(on you own)

Additional shopping after  
lunch if desired.

Return by 2:00 P.M.

Sign up by Mon. Oct. 10th  
(On the bulletin board)

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Permit No. 8  
Danville, VA 24541

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

West Main Baptist Church  
450 West Main Street  
Danville, VA 24541

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

September 18, 2022

11:00 A.M. In person & on Facebook Live

**Drew Herring's Topic:**

*Whose Party Is This Anyway?*

**Luke 15: 11-32**

- **Bible Study** for all ages at 9:45 A.M.
- **Youth Encounter** at 6:00-7:30 P.M.:
  - **Mental Health Series** wrap-up with Frances & Casey Jones!

Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers  
and Activities

See inside for details!





Dear West Main family,

When I was interviewing in 2019, I shared with the Transition Team that I was affirming of LGBTQ persons, and that I had promised my friends in Fort Worth who are a same-sex couple that when they were ready to get married that I would officiate their wedding.

The members of the Transition Team had different convictions on this issue, but agreed that they felt the Holy Spirit leading them to me as West Main's pastor.

After seeking the counsel of the Deacons on Sunday, I am writing to let you know that I am going to officiate my friends' wedding on October 8th. I am doing this to fulfill the commitment I made to be their pastor.

I know for some of you that this is good news. That my doing this wedding might help you feel more welcome and safe in my presence, and might help you feel more confident that West Main can be a welcoming and safe place for your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors.

I know for others of you that this news is extremely difficult, because as your pastor I represent you and the church as a whole, and in my words and actions you are seeing your deeply held convictions contradicted.

I know others of you might not know what to think. However you feel, know that I am also writing today to affirm my commitment to be *your* pastor.

My door is open if you need to talk. I respect you and your beliefs and I will be there to listen and to learn.

I don't need you to believe what I believe. I trust that your convictions on this matter are like mine, informed by your study of scripture and the ways the Holy Spirit has spoken through your own life experiences.

I have no agenda for West Main, except that we continue to be a church where we are all welcomed and valued, no matter who we are or what we believe about gender or sexuality.

There is an old saying in the church: "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials (or doubtful things), diversity. In all things, love."

Let's keep the only essential at West Main love. The love of the Jesus whose grace and mercy embraces us all.

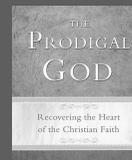
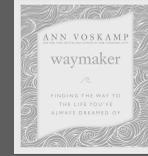
Drew

### FALL SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:



**SUN. MORNINGS @ 9:45:** The Helton's Covenant Bible Study has resumed. This group takes two Sundays per lesson and new members are welcome! Suzanne has a few covenant workbooks in her office if needed.

**FRI. MORNINGS @10:30-12:00:** The Friday Women's Small Group will start back up on Friday, September 16th and will be reading Ann Voskamp's *Waymaker* this fall. Contact Carrie Syvanthong if interested (919) 949-9569.



**TUES. MORNINGS @ 9:30-11:00:** This Women's Small Group will meet on Tuesday mornings, Oct. 11 - Nov. 15 (6 sessions). They will meet upstairs and will be reading *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller. Contact Lynne Booker for more info (434) 548-4561.



### WAYS TO PRAY:

*Looking to strengthen your prayer life but unsure of where to start? Here are a few ideas from Little Way Chapel:*

**Breath Prayers:** This is an ancient form of prayer that allows you to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Simply choose two lines to mediate on, inhaling with the first and exhaling with the second. Select scripture, a quote or other saying that God has placed upon your heart and repeat it in prayer throughout the day.

**Pray the Psalms:** There is a Psalm for nearly every emotion: joy, rage, love, fear, jealousy, adoration, hatred. Suggested reading: Reflections on the Psalms by C.S. Lewis; Psalms: The Prayerbook of the Bible by Bonhoeffer; Open and Unafraid by David Taylor.

**Walk and Talk:** Connect with God in creation by taking your prayers outdoors. Keep it casual, praying for whatever comes to mind, or go to a specific place and pray for that location while you walk around it.

**Journal:** Keeping a prayer journal can be particularly helpful if you struggle to stay focused in prayer. It also has the benefit of allowing you to look back when God feels far or you are wondering how God has answered your prayers. If you write prayers for other people, you might also consider mailing your prayer to them as a source of encouragement.



### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

9/18 - Encounter: Mental Health Series wrap-up  
9/25 - Encounter: Drew's Question Box  
10/2 - Church Picnic at Mills' Farm

10/9 - Encounter: Mustard Seed Challenge  
10/16 - Blessing of the Animals & Ice Cream Social  
10/23 - Encounter: Mustard Seed Faith with Bishop  
10/30 - Encounter: Pumpkin Carving & Drew's Question Box

Mark Your Calendars:

### Youth Fall Retreat

November 11-13 at Eagle Eyrie

\$95 per student includes lodging and all meals  
Scholarships are available - see Bishop  
Register with Suzanne by October 1st!



### WEST MAIN MEMBERS

Raymond Elliott - home  
Janice Morning - recovering  
Brenda Floyd  
Dan Taylor  
Suzanne Massey  
Alan Hepler  
Tony Adcock  
Richard McFarling  
Nancy Davis  
Patty Childress  
Lee Wayland  
Betty Falk

### ASSISTED CARE

Larry Aaron - Riverside  
Mercer Motley - Roman Eagle  
Virginia Powell - Roman Eagle

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Megan Bond's uncle  
Kim Meeks' sister  
Karen Tyrrell's father  
George Crowell  
Kevin Kirk's grandmother

Rachel Martin's grandson, Chris  
Joyce Payne's sister and granddaughter  
Matt Silicki's father  
Alan Hepler's father  
Angie McAdams' mother  
Kristi Gilliam's father  
Tanya Jones' mother  
Daryl Edwards' son Darren  
Sallie Minter's friend's grandson, Morgan Nolan  
Linda Porter's husband  
Julie Brown's father  
Mark & Judy Gourley's friend  
Susan Stokes' brother in law  
Brenda Kendrick's sister  
Stetson Franklin's grandparents  
Kinkade Huggins' grandparents  
Martha Tucker's cousin  
Stephanie Haynsworth's friend  
Karen Tyrrell's father  
Susan Farmer's friend  
Dana Silicki's father  
Raymond Newman's friend  
Pam Pulley's mother  
Jamie McAdams' parents  
Kathy Harville's aunt  
Rena Vaughn's brother  
Mark Vaughn's cousin