



## Ministry Statements

### **CHILDREN'S (CHURCH) MINISTRY**

To build children up in the faith by teaching them to know God's love and to practice God's love in the world around them. This ministry provides church in a relevant way for children ages 5 – 12. This ministry will prepare the children for prayer, praise and worship in the church through biblical lessons taught by the instructors. Children's Church ministry meetings are held at 7 p.m. every first Tuesday. Children's ministry meet every third Saturday at 10 a.m.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Aligning with the commission given by Jesus Christ to His disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), we endeavor to make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to live, to give and to love in obedience to God's command, as demonstrated by Jesus Christ. We also strive, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to provide relevant ministries designed to empower, equip and edify the body of Christ and to meet the needs of the community at large. Ministry meet third Saturday at 11 a.m.

### **CULINARY MINISTRY**

This committee is responsible for formulating and recommending to the church policies for the use of the kitchen and for communicating these policies to church members.

### **DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY**

This ministry introduces the new congregant to the life of the church. Classes addressing salvation, stewardship, spiritual gifts and Baptist doctrines are taught to the new members.

### **EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY**

This Committee is responsible for presenting awards to graduating students of the church for their academic accomplishments. Those pursuing higher education will receive a scholarship. This committee is also responsible for promoting educational concerns in our church and for the investment of scholarship funds.

### **EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

This ministry will spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the Westwood Community and surrounding areas, providing specialized services to those in crisis.

### **GREETERS' MINISTRY**

To have a long term impact on Disciples of Christ and visitors since first impression is more about the emotional and relational experiences that a person has with our congregation. Greeters serve during all activities at WBC. Ministry meets as needed.

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**

To educate, promote better life style choices continue to improve our bodies in order to serve the church and communities. This committee is to be on duty during worship services to offer first aid assistance to the congregation. The committee will promote preventive and educational health programs. The ministry meets on the third Saturday at 10 a.m.

### **HISTORY COMMITTEE**

This committee shall be responsible for recording and reporting historical events in the life of the church. The committee will also be responsible for preserving the artifacts, pictures, and literary works of the church.

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayers are offered on behalf of others. The ministry meets for prayer every Sunday at 7:45 a.m.

### **MARTHA E. WOODSON MISSIONARY MINISTRY**

To positively impact the lives of people by exemplifying the love of Jesus Christ that is found in Matthew 25:42-45. The ministry meets on the third Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

- **PRISON MINISTRY**  
Quarterly lead chapel services at the Virginia Correctional Center in Goochland, Virginia.
- **MEDICAL RESPITE**  
Monthly prepare and serve meals to the homeless residents, provide clothes and other needs.

### **MEDIA MINISTRY**

To assist other worship and outreach ministries, the ministerial staff, choirs, musicians and the congregation of our church by providing the best quality sound re-enforcement wherever needed. Ministry meets as needed.

### **MEN ON FIRE MINISTRY**

Men's ministry. The ministry meet at 9 a.m. every second Saturday.

### **MUSIC AND FINE ARTS MINISTRY**

#### **CHOIRS ~**

- A.H. Coles Male Chorus ~ the ministry meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. third Monday and Wednesday.
- Anointed Radical Mighty Youth ~ the ministry meets at 10 a.m. for rehearsal on the second and third Saturday
- United Voices of Westwood ~ the ministry meets at 7:30 p.m. for rehearsal on Mondays and Wednesdays

**HANDS OF PRAISE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY** ~ to spread the Gospel without saying a word to the hearing and hearing impaired persons.

**PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY** ~ this ministry seeks to worship God through creative movement. The dances express themes found in spiritual, gospel, and Christian jazz music. The ministry meets for rehearsal every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

This committee is responsible for the care of the nursery. The committee will coordinate all learning activities for the children in the nursery.

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY**

This group ministers to patients in nursing homes throughout the Richmond Area. Ministry ministers at 2 p.m. every first Sunday at the Glenburnie Rehabilitation Center.

### **PASTOR'S AID MINISTRY**

Serves to assist the Pastor and his family. Ministry meets as needed.

### **PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING MINISTRY**

To prayerfully and lovingly provide counseling, guidance, support, help and assistance to individuals in crisis. Ministry meets as needed

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY MINISTRY**

To provide a tool to support all WBC ministries. We are responsible for the placing of all print media, radio ad placement, creation of monthly bulletins, coordinating maintenance of the website and content, we monitor bulletin boards, keeper of official logo, and reviewing all paraphernalia publicizing the name Westwood Baptist Church. The ministry meets as needed.

### **TUTORIAL MINISTRY**

The Tutorial Ministry assists youth and adults in their academic endeavors. Tutoring is provided at the church.

### **TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

This committee is responsible for providing transportation needs to assist in our outreach ministries.

### **TWILIGHTERS' MINISTRY**

To enhance the quality of life for seniors age 55 and older. Create an environment which encourages social and spiritual health through fellowship, worship and service to others.

The Twilighters is an organization composed of seniors who are 55 years of age and older. They will meet regularly during the week and promote good health, political, social, and religious activities. They will also attend and be a part of other senior groups.

### **USHERS' MINISTRY**

This ministry is the official ministry responsible for meeting, greeting, and assisting all worshippers who enter the house of the Lord. The Ministry is available to serve every Sunday morning, evening and away services. This ministry consists of:

**Ladies Auxiliary** - Serve the first and third Sunday of each month. The Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10 a.m.

**The Male Ushers** - Serve the second and fifth Sunday of each month.

**The Youth Ushers** - Serve the third Sunday of each month.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

To provide a safe place for the community of women at Westwood to express and experience fellowship, love, unity and spiritual growth. The ministry meets on the third Saturday at 9 a.m.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY (FELLOWSHIP)**

The Youth Fellowship is an organization for all youth to grow spiritually as they develop leadership and organizational skills through revivals, workshops, lock-ins and other activities. Parents and volunteers serve as advisors and are instrumental in our youth's development. The ministry meets at 12:30 p.m. every third Saturday.

*All Disciples of Christ at "The Wood" are encourage to, at least, annually take their gifts test assessment. Please use the following link to take yours!*

<http://giftstest.com/>

For specific meeting dates of the ministries or to speak with the ministry leadership call the church office at 804/288-3224

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