

## WELCOME 1-14-2024

The Apostle Paul said “*In [Christ] we have redemption*” (Eph. 1:7). Freedom is a precious thing isn’t it? People throughout history have prayed, fought, and even died for it. Our Declaration of Independence upholds it as one of our inalienable rights. But the truth is, no matter what one’s political leanings might be, everyone is a slave—either to sin or to God. Jesus said that “*everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin*” (John 8:34). Paul added that all of creation is in slavery to corruption (Rom. 8:21). However, Christians have “*been freed from sin and enslaved to God*” (Rom. 6:22). The Roman Empire had as many as twenty million slaves; slave trade was a major industry. For a slave to gain his or her freedom, a redemption price had to be paid. The Greek word for such a transaction Paul uses in Ephesians 1:7 to speak of our “*redemption*” from sin’s bondage. Slavery to sin is bondage; slavery to God is freedom. That sounds paradoxical, but God is the Sovereign King, and true freedom means having the ability to fashion your will to His and hence become all He created you to be. Even though you will fail at times, your greatest desire and highest pursuit as a Christian is to be like Christ (1 John 2:5-6). Those enslaved to sin cannot do that, nor do they want to. Each week and each day we will have many opportunities to demonstrate our submission to Christ. Let your attitudes and actions speak clearly of your love for the Master. Welcome to H.C.C.



## SERVICE SCHEDULE & WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Sunday Mornings

9:45 – Doughnuts

10:00 to 10:30 – Sunday School Class

All ages 0-100

10:45 – Noon - Sunday Morning Worship

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

10:45 – Noon - Children’s Church

Age 0 to Preschool in the nursery

Ages Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the gym

There are clip boards in the foyer for those who wish to stay in the Sanctuary but would like the children’s lesson.

### Sunday Evenings

6:00pm – Sunday Evening Service

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

6:00pm – Youth Slam

In the gym

Games, Food, and Devotions

### Wednesday Evenings

7:00pm – Prayer & Bible Study

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

7:00pm – Youth Midweek Service

Topical Lesson and Prayer followed by Open Gym

### HCC Office Contact Info

Office hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am – 1 pm  
and Saturday 9 am – 1:30 pm.

Phone: (423)725-2541

Email: [Info@hamptonchristianchurch.org](mailto:Info@hamptonchristianchurch.org)

### What you can do on our website:

\*Tithe/Give \*Submit Prayer Requests \*Access Bulletins  
\*Access Livestream

This and more at [hamptonchristian.org](http://hamptonchristian.org)

**\*\*Offering last Sunday - \$ 1702.00**

**Average attendance in December - 99**

### 7 Top Reasons to be at Hampton Christian Church Every Week!

Acts 2:42-47

\*Study the Bible Together \*Fellowship Together  
\*Break Bread Together \*Pray Together  
\*Be Together \*Give Together  
\*Worship Together

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14 - Election of Greg Odom & Danny Arnett  
as Deacons here at Hampton

January 24 - Soup Supper 6 PM

February 4 - Ordination Service

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH ROTATION

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Danny and Mariah Arnett

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Chad and Carla Baxter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Patsy and Gary Hurley

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Danny, Teresa, and Rylie McClain

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: (Kids attend Main Service)

Sermon

“The Journey of Faith”

John 4:39-54

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ELECTION DAY

We will be voting on electing Greg Odom and Danny Arnett for the office of Deacon here at Hampton today. Please fill out the election questionnaire in the next column of the bulletin, tear it out and place it in the designated plate.

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting after the evening service.

UPDATING & IMPROVING

We here at Hampton are in the process of updating & improving our youth program and young adult/couples program. Please fill out a survey and turn it in to let us know what you think. If you have any ideas or suggestions let us know as well on the survey.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Men’s Fellowship will meet Tuesday at 7 pm down at First Christian in Elizabethton. Men if you would like to ride with us from the church we’ll be leaving at 6:45.

T-SHIRTS ARE IN

If you order T-shirts please see Charity or Kylie Odom to pick yours up.

COMING SOON

Directory Weekend

WOMEN’S DAY OUT

Jan 13, 2024 at Celebration Church of Blountville from 9:30-noon. The cost is \$30.00

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COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

Don’t forget the “New” signup sheet for Communion Meditations out in the foyer.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

\*Each Wednesday during the month: “Page One; Line One”. Everyone needs to write this sentence!

\*Today - Election of Greg Odom & Danny Arnett as Deacons here at Hampton

\*January 24<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper 6 PM

\*February 4<sup>th</sup> Ordination Service

**ELECTION**

**GREG ODOM AS DEACON**

YES

NO

**DANNY ARNETT AS DEACON**

YES

NO