



WELCOME 9-3-2023

Is pastoral ministry a haven for people who want to avoid hard work? It can certainly appear that way to the casual observer, who only ever sees his minister in action for two hours every Sunday. But that perception couldn't be further from the truth when it comes to faithful shepherds and servant leaders of God's people. The ministry may be a heavenly pursuit, but it is also an earthly task—it's hard work.

That's why the apostle Paul described his daily pastoral activities by saying "we labor and strive" (1 Timothy 4:10). J. Oswald Sanders wrote if a man "is unwilling to pay the price of fatigue for his leadership, it will always be mediocre" He also says, "True leadership always exacts a heavy toll on the whole man, and the more effective the leadership is, the higher the price to be paid" Because we understand the urgency of our ministry, we will not shrink back from paying that price. Weariness, loneliness, struggle, rising early, staying up late, and forgoing pleasures all accompany excellence. In 1 Corinthians 9 Paul says, "For I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. . . . Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave". Paul's argument is this: We labor and strive in the ministry because we believe that the consequences are eternal. We have set our hope on a living God, and we know He will save the souls of those who believe & are baptized because we have seen His sustaining power at work in the world. Our whole work is a labor, but not a human labor. Paul said his goal was to "present every man complete in Christ" (Colossians 1:28). Then he said, "For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." (Colossians 1:29). Let's get to work! 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 5th 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

What you can do on our website:

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

This and more at hamptonchristian.org

****Offering last Sunday -\$1832.00**

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 YOUTH EVENTS

Sept 17 – Homecoming

Oct 13 & 14 – Church Directory

Oct 16 & 17 – Ark Encounter Trip

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION

1st Sunday: Danny and Mariah Arnett

2nd Sunday: Chad and Carla Baxter

3rd Sunday: Patsy and Gary Hurley

4th Sunday: Danny, Teresa, and Rylie McClain

5th Sunday: (Kids attend Main Service)

