



Warrenton Bible Fellowship (WBF) strives to **teach** the Bible, **equip** believers, and **proclaim** the gospel; all for the glory of God. Our current charge is to strengthen the body of Christ to do the work of expanding the kingdom of God.

WBF MISSION STATEMENT



TEACH

- Weekly Sunday Worship Services

EQUIP

- Sunday School, Weekly Bible Studies, Apollos Classes

PROCLAIM

- Allowing the absolute truth of God's Word to challenge us and change our hearts so that God will pour through us into the community around us.

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

WBF is an elder-led church as authorized in member-approved bylaws that is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA). The EFCA is an association of autonomous churches united around the world. WBF is pastored by John Kuvakas who has been senior pastor since 2005. Elders include John Kuvakas, Richard Ashby (founding member of the church), Jimmy Carter, and two new elders selected in 2023, David Ahlgren and Bill Schwetke.

WBF is a small but growing congregation. Ten new members were added in 2023 and attendance at weekly Sunday services is slowly increasing.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY:

Weekly services reach beyond the building through online broadcasting (YouTube & Sermon Audio):

- Sermon Audio: 8,131 plays in 53 countries
- YouTube: 5,237 plays in 23 countries

CONNECT GROUPS:

These small home groups provide a place to dive deeper into the lessons taught on Sunday mornings. They provide a nurturing environment that cultivates spiritual growth and encourages camaraderie. These gatherings are intended to point us to Christ, and in turn, encourage us to go back out into the world and share His love and truth.

BIBLE STUDIES:

- Women's Tuesday Morning Studies
- Women's Wednesday Evening Studies (live and via Zoom)
- Men's Wednesday Evening Studies (live and via Zoom)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT:

The desire of the Women's Ministry at WBF is to encourage one another to have a proper esteem and love for Jesus Christ through biblical foundations and sound doctrine. Our ladies are encouraged to develop nurturing relationships with each other through Bible studies, retreats, and special events, so that we may be equipped to live out the gospel in our daily lives and minister to our families, the church body, and our community.

EVENTS:

- **Monthly Scripture Memorization:**
Planting God's Word into our hearts which helps to knit together the hearts of the women of WBF.
- **Periodic Special Events:**
Events such as the annual Spring Tea, Christmas dinner, and pop-up gatherings serve to encourage each other and to reach out to the community at large sharing the love of God.
- **Planning to hold a Women's Retreat in 2024**

MEN'S MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT:

The men's ministry works to increase knowledge and understanding of God's Word as well as applying Biblical teachings to daily life. Study combined with discussion provides for "iron sharpening iron" as the men are challenged to be more and more godly in their daily walks.

EVENTS:

- **Men's Virtuous Coffee:**
Weekly Saturday gathering over coffee (live and via Zoom). Created to provide a venue for the men to have deeper discussion of the previous week's sermon.
- **Basic's Conference at Parkside Church in Ohio:**
Annual road trip by the men of WBF to learn from Alistair Begg and a panel of renowned Christian educators.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

MISSION STATEMENT:

Warrenton Bible Fellowship is a community of Christ followers that seeks to bring glory to God and fulfill our part in our Lord Jesus Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20a). We realize in Acts 1:8 that we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to go and give witness to the world around us, near and far, of the wondrous life of Christ. These two verses drive our outreach ministry and are the filter through which we run everything we do.

EVENTS:

- **Annual School Supply Drive:**

Every July, just in time for back-to-school sales, WBF joins with For Immediate Sympathetic Help (FISH) and other churches and organizations to gather school supplies for children in need.

- In 2023 (and every year for the past decade) we provided school supplies for more than 50 local families.

- **Warmth for the Soul Coat Drive:**

Most of us take for granted that we'll be warm as fall gives way to winter, but many in our community can't afford to replace a worn-out coat or to outfit growing children with a cozy one that fits. That's where WBF tries to help fill the void. For more than a decade, WBF has spearheaded an annual coat and winter apparel drive to provide warmth for those in our community who do not have coats. This ministry reaches farther than our local community as leftover coats are brought to DC and distributed to the homeless in our nation's capital.

- In 2023 we collected and distributed more than 450 coats.

- **Support of the Fauquier Family Shelter:**

WBF has a long-standing relationship with our local family shelter, and we are blessed to be able to support them in many ways. Some of those ways include:

- **Taco Tuesday:** Twice a month we head down to the street with dinner in hand and dine with the residents of the Fauquier Family Shelter.
- **Shelter Needs:** WBF is part of a coalition of churches who provide for the supply needs of the family shelter. Over the

years we have built a relationship with the staff at the FFC. Not only do we regularly contribute for their practical needs, but know they can call on us for emergency needs and those needs will be met by the members of our congregation.

- **Holiday Extras:** WBF happily supports extra events sponsored by the Family Shelter, like providing Christmas gifts for the residents and preparing special holiday meals.
- **Operation Christmas Child:**

WBF is a registered drop off/collection location for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Each year, we open our doors to anyone wishing to send a shoebox full of blessings to children around the world.

 - In 2023 we collected, cataloged, and shipped 435 shoe boxes.
- **Tuesday Food Pantry:**

WBF has a weekly outreach to our community through our partnership with local grocers. The foods that are nearing expiration are brought to the church and distributed to local families.

 - This ministry serves more than 50 families a week.
- **Deacon's Benevolence:**

WBF ministers to miscellaneous needs in our congregation and in the community through our benevolence fund.
- **Quarterly Movie Night:**

Christian movies for inspiration, learning and fellowship. Movies are free and open to the community.
- **Love2BMe Special Needs Ministry:**

Love2BMe is a ministry to adults with special needs and their families, providing monthly social events for special needs adults and respite care for family members who care for them.

MISSIONS – DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL

PURPOSE:

WBF actively supports several mission families and organizations throughout the world, including Africa, Asia (Philippines), Australia, Central America, Europe, Japan, Romania, and several U.S.-based missions, including a college campus ministry. We commit 10% of giving to missions.

Besides regular monthly support of more than 15 missionaries, WBF also provides emergency support when needed. In 2023, we helped finances relief for:

- EFCA Turkey Earthquake Relief
- Maui, HI Fire Relief
- Ethnos College Support
- Warrenton Pregnancy Center Celebration for Life
- One Vision Network Support
- Various other matching fund donations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

The Business Committee was started in 2022 to remove much of the administrative burden from the elders, allowing them to devote more time to the spiritual requirements of church leadership. It was fully up and running in 2023. Below are some of its key activities.

- Ensured all those ministries using WBF facilities presented a Certificate of Insurance naming WBF as an additional insured.
- Identified Waters Craftsman as an expert in preservation of historic buildings and worked with them to get a detailed proposal for the exterior preservation work.
- Approved expenditures for an annual service contract for the boiler, a contract with Blue Ridge Property Services for lawn and landscape maintenance, and other needed equipment.
- Created a draft 2024 budget for review/approval by the elders and submission to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.
- Started work on a building use agreement which will be submitted for legal review in 2024 and then presented to ministries hosted by WBF for signature.
- Agreed to put \$150,000 into an Edward Jones Money Market account at 5.42% interest.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE (AD HOC):

A Bylaws Committee was formed in 2022 to propose changes to the then current bylaws. After months of work, a draft was submitted to the elders for review. Minor edits were incorporated into the document which was then presented to the membership for approval. The new bylaws were approved on 12/3/23 and the Bylaws Committee was dissolved.

HOSTING OTHER MINISTRIES

Wanting to see the facility God provided to us utilized more fully, WBF has invited other ministries to make use of the facility.

MINISTRIES HOSTED:

- **Mision Cristiana Emmanuel:**
WBF partnered with Mision Cristiana Emmanuel in 2003 to plant a Spanish speaking church so we could multiply our outreach to the Hispanic community (an answer to a longtime prayer).
- **Veritas Church:**
Veritas is an Acts 29 church that recently started in the area whose mission is to “reach the lost, equip the found, and send out the mature in Christ to go and do likewise.” Being a start-up church, their budget was very small, and we were able to offer them a place to meet on Sundays (and throughout the week) without having to worry about exorbitant rent that they could not afford.
- **OneVision Network:**
OneVision is a local television network begun by a missionary-minded man who is passionate for the Latino community and works tirelessly to provide that community with information and resources to assist them with legal, health, financial and education needs while also ministering, first and foremost, to their spiritual needs. The motto of OneVision is “a positive signal on the air.”
- **Ethnos College:**
Ethnos is a fledgling college whose mission is to “transform the character of people from all nations by equipping them with the vocational, humanitarian, and spiritual knowledge to change the world.” They are a school for “all nations, economic, social and racial groups.” College founder, Dr. Tyrone Champion, is so grateful for a location in town where he has been able to launch his college and begin pouring into the lives of students hungry to have a strong impact in the world.

EXTERIOR PRESERVATION PROJECT

WBF evaluated the need and urgency of preserving the brick walls and roof to prevent further deterioration. Bringing in experts to examine the building and identify the problems was followed by getting a detailed bid for necessary preservation of the entire exterior of the building, including the stained-glass windows in addition to the brick walls and roof. The total preservation work is estimated to cost \$1M.

After dividing the work into multiple phases, a congregational vote approved proceeding with the first three phases (the Winchester Steet side of the church, including the two towers) in 2023. These phases will be funded by approximately \$200k in available reserves and \$72K of donations from the congregation.

WBF will pursue a matching grant with *The National Fund for Sacred Places* to help provide the funds needed to continue with the preservation work as well as other grants and fund-raising efforts.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

WBF has been blessed over the last several years to have established a healthy reserve due to generous donations as well as due to the decision not to replace the associate pastor when he resigned in 2022. This has enabled us to begin critical preservation work on the exterior in 2024 using reserves plus anticipated donations to the Exterior Preservation Fund by members.

The 2024 budget does include hiring another staff member in the second half of the year, so it is anticipated that outside funding through grants and other means will be required to complete the exterior preservation in subsequent years.

A 2023 Income Statement and Balance Sheet are attached.