

Hampton Baptist Church



Founded on Faith & Committed to Serve

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Who We Are

Diverse.

Caring.

Intergenerational.

We're a Cooperative Baptist church seeking to love God and neighbor in the Hampton Roads area. We are inclusive in outlook, thoughtful in what we do, and diverse in our faith. What unites us is our commitment to act as Jesus did. We take our faith seriously and try to talk honestly about our joys, trusts, beliefs, and hopes—as well as our doubts, fears, questions, and misgivings.

In many ways, we are all very different. At Hampton Baptist you'll find Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives, young and old, lifelong Baptists and those from other traditions, people who are sure of their faith and people who are still exploring. We do not always agree, as you'll experience when you join us! However, we don't let our differences discourage us—rather, we believe that our diversity is part of what makes our community a preview of God's coming Kingdom. We cherish our ability to welcome people from all walks of life and the opportunity it gives us to love one another as God has loved us. Whoever you are, we think you'll feel welcome here.

We'd love for you to connect with us as we journey together in faith!

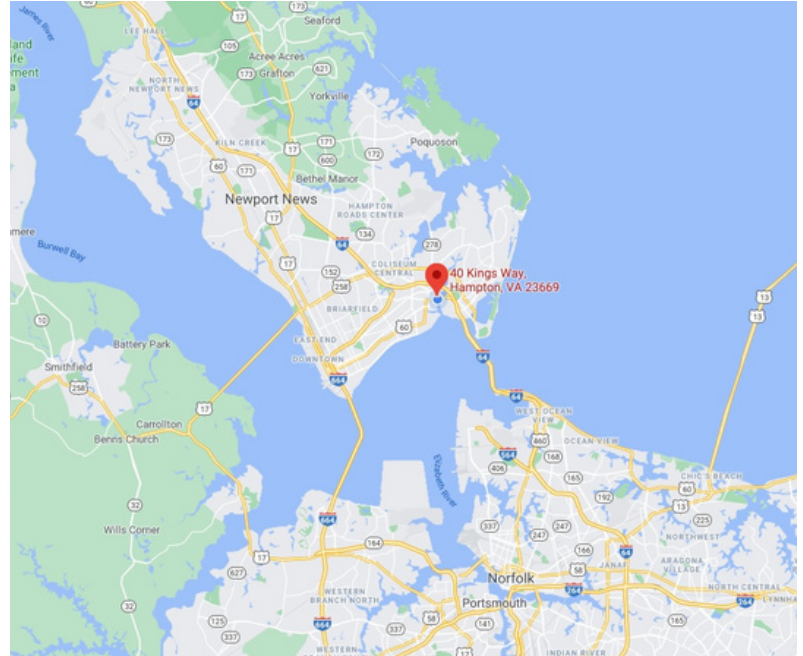


Our Location

Central. Modern. Historic.

We are located in downtown Hampton, in the heart of Hampton's restaurant district and just steps from the water. Most people connected to our church still live and work in Hampton.

However, just over 40% of our members drive a substantial distance to worship and serve with us; members come from as far north as Williamsburg and as far south as Suffolk, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach. We're a unique church, and once people have found Hampton Baptist they are willing to make the drive!



Our sanctuary, built in 1883, is the oldest part of our church campus. The sanctuary features lovely Tiffany-style stained glass, a wonderful organ, and a reverent atmosphere.

While we treasure our history, we strive to live in the present—and to position ourselves for the future. In 2016, we completed construction on a new fellowship hall building that better supports our ministries. We use this space to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness, meet for church activities, and worship together in nontraditional ways.



Community Outreach

Local. Impactful. Life-Changing.

God calls us to live in service to each other. At Hampton Baptist Church, we believe that every person has a valuable gift to contribute. No matter your age, your religious affiliation, or your economic status, there is an opportunity for you to join HBC and your Hampton neighbors in love and service.

So All May Eat (SAME) creates an interfaith community by addressing nutritional and physical needs with our neighbors who are without homes or are living in poverty so we might together experience the fullness of God's love and grace. SAME offers Monday programming that includes a hot lunch, toiletries, and a clothing closet. SAME raises awareness about food insecurity in the "food desert" of downtown Hampton. SAME also partners with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank to provide approximately 100 local households with 50 pounds of groceries each month.

HBC participates in **Night's Welcome**, the winter-long community housing program run by Hampton Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions (H.E.L.P.). Volunteer opportunities include preparing food, serving dinner and breakfast, joining our guests in food and fellowship, hosting evening activities such as football game viewing and bingo, and overnight hall monitor duty.

We also sponsor **mission programming for all ages**. Our children learn about local and international mission work, and participate in projects through Mission Friends, RAs and GAs on Wednesday nights. Our youth participate in missions projects throughout the year, including Souper Bowl of Caring, Love Local (757), and more. Our WMU (Women's Missionary Union) supports monthly projects, hosts speakers, and organizes our annual World Hunger Dinner.

Nationally and globally, our primary mission partnership is with the **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship** (learn more at cbf.net). CBF is network of theologically moderate churches who work together to spread the hope of Christ.



Worship

Thoughtful. Challenging. Intentional.

At 10 am every Sunday, we gather in our historic sanctuary to worship God. Worship is arranged around the Christian year, celebrating seasons such as Lent, Easter, and Advent.

Services last one hour and feature a choir, organ music, responsive readings, and a sermon. Our sermons are scripturally based and last about 20 minutes. The dress is typically more formal, though you will see people dressed in all styles. The ministers typically wear robes.



In our worship, we seek to bring the best of ourselves—heart, mind, and soul—to worship God. We believe that our worship can be creative, because God is ever new; challenging, because God always calls us to deeper faith; and honest, because God wants us to come as we really are.



We occasionally offer other worship services outside of the Sunday morning format, such as an Ash Wednesday service or a Longest Night service; these are opportunities for us to shake up our normal worship patterns while still focusing on God.



Children & Youth

Fun. Energetic. Disciples.

Our first priority is the safety of our children. Our child protection policy guides our care for children; among other safeguards, we require that two background-checked adults be present with children at all times.

On Sunday mornings, our children learn about the love of God through Bible study and a special moment for kids during the 10:00 worship service. On Wednesday evenings, we offer an opportunity for kids to learn about how God is active around the world in our children's mission program. On Wednesdays, children also have the opportunity to be involved through children's choir. There are other special events for children and families scheduled throughout the year.



The youth are often considered pillars within a church, and here at Hampton Baptist Church this group is vital to who we are. As our 6th-12th graders walk thru their spiritual journey, we want them to know just how much they are loved.

There are weekly evening Bible studies for the youth group to engage and grow spiritually, music programs such as handbells and youth choir, leadership opportunities within our congregation, and numerous mission projects.

Our youth group brings enthusiasm and often a new perspective to the life of the church. We see our youth as the future leaders of Hampton Baptist. We encourage them to be the hands and feet of God even when it feels impossible—to go and let their light shine.

The bonds that are formed within this group last forever, and that is truly a testament of love!

Music

Inclusive. Worshipful. Excellence.

The Music Ministry at Hampton Baptist Church involves everyone, from preschool through adults, and incorporates a variety of musical genres.

The mission of Hampton Baptist Church is celebrated in the act of corporate worship. Music is a vital ingredient within the context of the spoken Word. Indeed, there are many times when music enhances the experience of the spoken Word. The Music Ministry provides an important dimension in communicating God's majesty while always emphasizing the highest musical standards.

The long-standing Music Ministry of Hampton Baptist Church has always aspired to set the standard for quality church music in the Hampton Roads area. We have always been truly blessed with many excellent musicians, both in the position of Minister of Music/Organist, as well as talented singers and instrumentalists within the congregation and community.



No audition is required for choirs and childcare is provided weekly for Sanctuary Choir rehearsals. Whether you are a beginning or seasoned musician, there is a group for everyone to share their talents and be a part of this thriving ministry of the church.

- The **Melody Choir** introduces children age four through first grade to the joy of singing.
- The **Concord Choir** introduces children in 2nd-5th grade children to reading music scores and developing good vocal skills.
- Our **Youth Choir** is open to 6th-12th graders
- **Youth Handbell Choir** is offered for 6th-12th graders
- The **Adult Handbell Choir** is a group of intermediate/advanced handbell ringers with music reading abilities; they frequently provide music for worship services and for special occasions.
- The **Sanctuary Choir** is committed to excellence in music at our 10:00 am service. They lead congregational singing and sing a wide variety of church music.
- The **Steeple Singers** explore more casual music and provide music for worship services one Sunday a month.

Spiritual Formation

Biblical. Thoughtful. Challenging.

At Hampton Baptist, we strive to balance two important characteristics of our faith: we want faith to be thoughtful and informed, but we also want our faith to be practical and relevant to daily life.

We take the Bible very seriously—it is the starting point for our faith, and the basis of all that we do! For us, part of taking the Bible seriously means that we read the scriptures in light of what we know about science, history, psychology, and other disciplines. This helps us understand what the Bible means for us, and how we can best apply its truth to our lives.

We offer Sunday School classes and Bible studies for people of all ages, as well as spiritual formation opportunities through retreats, workshops, and special events. Whether we are moving systematically through a book of the Bible, studying current events through the lens of faith, or exploring church history for modern applications, all that we do seeks to strengthen our faith for the modern world.





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