









# GRADUATION & FATHER'S DAY Sundays, June 8 & 15

Please submit your photos to add to our Graduation Day presentation by Wednesday, June 4 and our Father's Day presentation by Wednesday, June 11.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 21- July 25

The theme this year is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. With Jesus guiding us, we will be able to develop a rock-solid foundation that will point us to Jesus, our steadfast and unshakeable friend forever. We will have a week full of discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that will grow our faith! Part time, full time and virtual options are available. Online registration open!

#### **TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Will Cumbia grew up in Spotsylvania, Virginia and attended the College of William & Mary, graduating with a degree in Marketing. After college, Will lived in Vienna, Austria working with the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the European Baptist Federation supporting Baptist based refugee and migrant work across Europe and the Middle East. While in Europe, he completed his Master of Divinity with a certificate in Interreligious Dialogue online with McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. Will moved back to Virginia last year and has been working as the Outreach and Volunteer Engagement Manager with ReEstablish Richmond, a small non-profit doing refugee and immigrant support work in the greater Richmond area.

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# **Westover Baptist Church** May 25, 2025 We Will Thrive!

Prelude "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" - arr. Gaither

Nancy Hamrick, Pianist

**Chimes** 

Welcome Ed Koch, Administrator

\*Hymn 629 "God of Our Fathers" (v. 1,3,4)

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 29:4-14 NRSV

Lia Farrington

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (v. 1,2,3) \*Hymn 61

Administrator **Announcements** 

**Honoring Westover's Fallen Heroes** 

**Congregational Prayer** Minister Erroll Moore

**Interlude & Silent Prayer** "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" - Spiritual

**Pianist** 

\*Hvmn 161 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v. 1,3,4)

Sermon "Planting Gardens that May Never Bloom"

Jeremiah 29:4-14 NRSV

Minister William Cumbia, Guest Speaker

Invitation Minister Cumbia

During the Invitation hymn, you are invited to come forward to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior. You may also decide to become a member of this congregation of Christ's church.

\*Invitation Hymn 568 "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak" (v.1)

\*Benediction Minister Cumbia

Postlude "America The Beautiful" - arr. Bates/Ward **Pianist** 

# **Welcome to Worship at Westover Baptist Church!**

We invite our guests to complete the online guest form to let us know you joined us for worship today. We are thankful you came to join with us in our worship time today, We hope that you have felt God's love in a new refreshing way, For you are welcome in this place, and we hope you will come again, To join with us in fellowship, and to make some special friends.

# **Prayer Requests**

We want to pray with you. Please share your joys, cares and concerns by email to **church@westoverbaptist.org** or through the Prayer menu on our home page.

## **Scripture Reading**

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Because you have said, "The Lord has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,"— Thus says the Lord concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who live in this city, your kinsfolk who did not go out with you into exile: Thus says the Lord of hosts, I am going to let loose on them sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like rotten figs that are so bad they cannot be eaten. I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, and will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of cursing, and horror, and hissing, and a derision among all the nations where I have driven them, because they did not heed my words, says the Lord, when I persistently sent to you my servants the prophets, but they would not listen, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:4-14 NRSV

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able