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White Oak Newsletter
White Oak Hill
Free Will Baptist Church



From
Pastor Hal



RENEW
A Fresh Walk with God
Psalm 51:10



*During World War II, the enemy conducted experiments to find the most effective type of punishment for eliciting information from prisoners. They found that solitary confinement was the most effective. After a few days of solitary confinement, most men would tell all. That is why we need fellowship-without it, we too become easy prey for temptation and abandonment of our values.

*Illustrations to Biblical preaching, pg.150



This past weekend the church hosted the Randall Association meeting. Everyone present enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. The Smith and Huff families shared their vision of planting a Free Will Baptist church in Hickory North Carolina. Johnathon and Heather (& the kids) will come back to the church next month to share their vision with our whole White Oak family. It would be amazing if everyone in the church could meet this wonderful couple and start praying for their church plant. Approximately 25 people from White Oak attended the meeting this past Saturday. Special thanks to the Joe Johnson family for preparing and serving a great lunch!!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

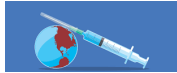
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Galatians 2:20



The choir has been reunited and the Cantata books have been distributed. What does that mean?! It means Christmas is getting closer and we need to prepare. I was so encouraged to see so many of our choir members ready to use their gift for the Lord Jesus Christ. Randy and Christy will be meeting with the choir each Sunday evening starting September 12th. Please see them if you did not pick up your practice book or CD.



The Reading Olympics are almost finished. Only a few more weeks to finish your books and win the prize. Ms. Judy informs me the children are doing an excellent job reading their books. We look forward to seeing who will win some awards on September 12th.



The government has given final approval to the Pfizer vaccine. As a result, the government is asking businesses to mandate to their employees that they get a Covid vaccine. I know some of you are extremely bothered by the constitutionality of this mandate and doubt the efficacy of the shots. And those thoughts are completely up to you. It is not my desire to sway you one way or the other. I just hope that you have spent time in prayer, and you are asking the Lord for wisdom. If you are one of those individuals that oppose the Covid vaccine (or the mandatory effort by the government), I do have copies of a religious exemption form in the foyer. I cannot guarantee your company will accept it. We are just making the form available to you. FOR-US (Freedom of Religion-United Solutions) has a lot of helpful information about this exemption form on their website, forunitedsolutions.org. Just in case you didn't know, the Supreme Court heard a similar case in 1905 like what we are facing today. Early in the 20th century, the government started mandating the citizens take a smallpox vaccine. In *Jacobson vs. Massachusetts*, the court ruled in favor of Massachusetts. The justices felt that the police power of a state absolutely included reasonable regulations established by legislature to protect public health and safety. The court said that if the Board of Health felt it was necessary for public health, then it could be mandated by the government. Church family, there is a season for everything. But we know our God is sovereign and his eschatological plan is right on track. We know our Redeemer lives and is coming back to take the church home. Until then, let's live for the King and sound the trumpet. There is hope in Jesus Christ!

Ephesians 4:29-32

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Church Attendance



August 18th

Wednesday Night

NA

August 22nd

Sunday School

85

Sunday Morning Worship

NA



Sunday evening (8/29) the church will host a hot dog dinner for everyone in the church. The meal will start at 5:30. It is the church's last night of Vacation Bible School, and we want to celebrate. Two inflatables will be here for the kids to enjoy. A bouncy inflatable and an obstacle course. We have had a wonderful time sharing the Gospel with the children this month. They have learned so much about Moses and God's wonderful work in the lives of His children. Parents are certainly invited to join their children in class this Sunday evening as V.B.S. concludes.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

In-Person

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

On-Line

Sunday Morning Online Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Online Service Only at 6 PM

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST - VBS 6PM - 8PM

Wednesday

7 PM - Prayer, Praise & Bible Study

Engage Youth

Propel Kids

Every WOH Service can be seen on:

Facebook - Hal Jones page

White Oak Hill Facebook page

White Oak Hill YouTube

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Please pray for these missionaries!



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Dear Friends,

In May, I (Stephen) asked for prayer regarding the Covid situation in Brazil and our preparations to move to Rio de Janeiro. We were very hopeful that this would be the year that we would be moving to Brazil, but it looks like we will have to postpone our plans until 2022. While the Covid situation in the United States and Israel has improved significantly, there are still many countries that are struggling, and Israel has banned their citizens from visiting some of these countries. Brazil is one of these countries, which means that there will be no Israelis in Brazil this year when we were planning to open the guesthouse for its first season.



Our plan to reach Israelis in Brazil with the guesthouse is still our long-term goal, but we have had to shift gears a bit until we can go there next year. As we were talking with our boss about different options of reaching Israelis in 2021, he asked us what we would like to do. We quickly responded, "We want to go where Israelis are." He grinned and said, "You know there is only one place where you are guaranteed to meet Israelis: Israel." After spending some time in prayer over this decision, we feel directed to go to Israel for about five months starting this fall.

In Israel, we will be working with other Chosen People Ministries staff in Tel Aviv. We will be able to reach Israelis through the many different programs that they are doing at their Messianic center, such as English classes and Shabbat dinners. We will also be able to learn the language and culture. When Jewish people become citizens of Israel, they take Hebrew classes to help them learn the language. We will be taking these classes along with them, which will help us learn Hebrew and give us opportunities to meet people with whom we can share the gospel.

Please be praying for us as we make preparations for Israel this fall. Pray that we find the right housing and make good connections that will lead to Jewish people coming to faith. Please also pray that the Covid situation in Brazil would improve and lives would be spared. God is faithful to lead us and sustain us even through Covid changing our plans numerous times.

In Messiah,

The Arnolds

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