



From
Pastor Hal



Isn't it great that our country sets aside a weekend to honor the working men and women of this great nation? With 5.6% of North Carolina's workforce unemployed, we thank the Lord for our jobs. White Oak Hill Church would like to wish everyone a restful and wonderful Labor Day Weekend.



This morning I was reading David Jeremiah's devotional thought and the Lord has led me to share it with you in this newsletter. The title is "Apples and Oranges"

Apples and Oranges

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

In the world of agriculture, God created everything for its own season. Grapefruits, lemons, and oranges hit their peak in the winter. Strawberries, pineapples, and artichokes hit the shelves in the spring. Summer brings us blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, and tomatoes. And we can hardly wait for the apples, grapes, and pumpkins of the fall season. How wonderfully God created an agricultural calendar to give us ongoing nourishment.

There's one fruit, however, that's constantly in season—the fruit of the Spirit. These nine qualities (like grapes on one cluster) should be growing and continually bearing in our life. When we are rooted and grounded in Christ, the "sap" of the Holy Spirit takes the nourishment of the Word and transports it from the Vine (who is Jesus) to us, the "branches."

Ask yourself: Am I more loving now than I was last year? More joyful? Do I have more peace? Am I more patient? Kinder? These qualities don't suddenly appear. They must be grown. They should be constantly maturing in our lives.

No one can get joy by merely asking for it. It is one of the ripest fruits of the Christian life, and, like all fruits, must be grown.
Henry Drummond



I would like to remind everyone to pick up a September church calendar. The month is full of activities for all age groups. Let me quickly list a few of the activities.

- Reading Olympics will end Sept. 5th and awards given on Sept. 12th.
- Shawn and Kim are getting married on Sept. 11. Hooray!!
- Our choir will start practicing the Christmas Cantata on Sept. 12th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Propel Kids are going to the Zoo on Sept. 18th.
- Back to Church Sunday is Sept. 19th. Johnathan Huff will be presenting the mission work in Hickory, NC.
- The Engage Youth and the College & Career have a fun time planned for the weekend of Sept. 24th.
- Rev. Reuben Cason (Promotional Director) will be with us on Sept. 26th.

Mark your calendars! The last 1/3 of the year will be exciting at White Oak!!



Let me share with each of you the progress concerning Bailey Christian Childcare. We have invited the inspectors to come and share what modifications must be made at White Oak to operate a daycare. We are also gathering information from various people to do the work mandated by the state. Our goal is to start the daycare at the beginning of the year. We have received permission from Nash County to operate. I have taken the necessary classes to facilitate the daycare. At this time, we are simply developing a plan to do the work required by the state. Please continue to pray for wisdom and direction. And of course, you can call me if you have any questions.

Our prayer list this week is attached, but I would like to ask for special prayer for the needs listed below.

- Pray for the persecuted church around the world (especially the Christians in Afghanistan)
- Pray for Tammy Zaccari (Barbara Rhodes' Daughter). She has Covid and is extremely sick.
- Pray for missionary Dale McCoy (cancer)
- Pray for Judith Grant. Struggling with her lungs.
- Pray for Kim Fraser (Elaine Webb's Daughter).



There are many needs mentioned on the prayer sheet. And I appreciate all our prayer warriors who regularly intercede for the needs of others. Thank you!



Lastly, let me thank Shannon and Glenda Carroll for their tireless work to direct the VBS this year. Also, I would like to thank the many volunteers who served the Lord each Sunday evening in August. Each of you were amazing and I am so proud to be your pastor. God is Good! We have an awesome church family! Thank you, Lord!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20

Church Attendance	
August 25th	
Wednesday Night	66
August 29th	
Sunday School	85
Sunday Morning Worship	148

Schedule of Services
Sunday
<u>In-Person</u>
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM
<u>On-Line</u>
Sunday Morning Online Service at 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Online Service Only at 6 PM
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

MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!



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These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33 KJV

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

I want to share some news of celebration from all the difficulties we have had to overcome over the past year and a half. There are so many exciting things happening at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Whether you support our AR or TN ministries, your recent gift is of great encouragement as we provide for the needs of those entrusted to our care:

- Our Residential Alcohol and Drug Treatment program is back up and running on our East Tennessee campus. To God be the Glory! it is our prayer that this program will help many young men OVERCOME their addiction problems.
- After many delays and obstacles that had to be OVERCOME, our Hope Center Maternity Home project is fully funded and will be opening to minister to needy young women and their babies later this year!
- After a year and a half of unprecedented challenges, many of our Churches have OVERCOME and stood with us in our Annual Mother's Day offering. We thank all the churches and individuals who gave sacrificially to keep our ministry going strong!

After overcoming,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim McComas".

Jim McComas
Executive Director

Note: No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

Family News

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

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THE KEY TO *Opportunity*

In today's fast paced world, we tend to make quick decisions about everything, including how we judge people. Making assumptions about a person often closes the door of opportunity to get to know someone or better understand them. An important life theme to live by is to never judge a book by its cover. Read on...

Thursday is my day for Devotions and a meal with the boys on our Camp Creek, Tennessee campus. We have had several new additions to our campus since we last met, so I was meeting some of the boys for this first time.

One boy sat at a table by himself, hands folded in front of him with an angry expression on his face. He soon laid his head on the table as we began, and I was pretty certain he would probably be giving me trouble before things were over.

Another, newer young man came through the door with a wild, messy head of long hair, gave me a quick glance as he passed me by and headed straight for the back table and sat down.

It was going to be a long day...

I started the devotion by talking about the different times in the Bible when God asks a question. I was certain that no one would even attempt to answer me, but I asked the boys "what do you think the first question God ever asked in the Bible was?"

The new boy with his head on the table sat up, raised his hand and said "Cain, where is your brother Abel?"

After standing there for a moment in shocked disbelief, I said "No, that's the second question God asked in the Bible. Do you have any idea what the first one was?"

"Adam, where are you at?" said the young man.

He was correct...

I went on to ask the boys four questions: Where are you at, how did you get there, where are you going, and how do you get there?

When I got to "Where are you going?", my wild haired hippy friend said "I want to go to college, make something of myself, and make my parents proud."

You would think I would have learned this by now, but God continually reminds me to see things through His eyes, because "man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

In Christ,

Jim McComas

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