

W.O.N.
White Oak Newsletter
White Oak Hill
from 1857 to 2021



From
Pastor Hal

RENEW
A Fresh Walk with God
Psalm 51:10



The opening paragraph of last week's newsletter mentioned the USS Reagan coming to life when the sailors manned their positions on the ship. This pastor's heart is full due to the number of willing volunteers this past weekend that made the Harvest Festival so successful. Around 30 volunteers were positioned all over the church for a wonderful time of fun. Congratulations to Conner Bass for having the longest ride on the mechanical bull. And congratulations to the winners of our Walmart gift card drawings. Special thanks to Chris Belcher for picking up all the inflatables in Clayton.



Did you hear the W.A.C. raised \$750.00 for missions during the cake and pie auction? Thank you, Lord! And thank you to the winners of this year's auction. Of course, we know the missionaries are the real winners. For those of you who may not know, Randy and Faye Bisette own Wilson Flowers and Market in Wilson. They donated a beautiful wreath for this year's auction. Mrs. Joyce Batchelor took it home. I am sure it is hanging on her door as you read this newsletter.

WHAT'S
NEXT?

The next event on the calendar is moving our clocks back an hour. Hallelujah!! We get an extra hour's sleep. And it's just in time for Homecoming. This Sunday, the church will celebrate its 134th year shining the light for Jesus Christ in Bailey, NC. What a privilege! Some godly people have gathered to worship the Lord at White Oak Hill and we will remember 9 of them in a special Memorial Tribute. Their names are listed below. Each person has left an impression on our hearts and helped us on the journey home. Please don't forget the service will start at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes this weekend. I am excited to remind everyone Brother Jerry Wilder will be our special guest and sing a few special songs during the service. Our church lives Brother Jerry and we look forward to worshipping with him again. I regret to give you some sad news. Rev. Tim Stout will not be with us this year. He was really looking forward to seeing the church family. But due to some health issues, he cannot make the trip to NC this year. He wanted me to make sure EVERYONE knew how much he was looking forward to being with us. The White Oak church family holds a special place in his heart.

Also, please don't forget to stay for lunch. Parker's Barbecue will be sending barbeque, fried chicken (we are Baptist J), brunswick stew, potatoes, green beans, slaw, corn stick/hush puppies, sweet and unsweet tea. For safety reasons, there will be servers distributing this food this year. I would ask the church to bring a dessert. We have such good cooks!!

Special
Requests!

- I need to ask some people to help after the mid-week service on Wednesday. We need to place the tables and chairs in the Family Life Center to prepare for our big day. It would be greatly appreciated if you can stay to help.
- Sharon Dew is decorating for the big day this Friday at 2:00 p.m. She would appreciate any help we can give her. It's a big task and "many hands make light work."
- Please pray about your love offering for this year's Homecoming service. The church is going to receive your gift to the Lord in a very special way this year. The plates will be in front of the sanctuary. And we will have a special time of worship during the service for everyone to give their special offering to the Lord. This year's offering will help cover the cost to launch our new childcare at White Oak. The state code requires a playground on the premises. Specifically, the donations will cover the cost to build a fence, install playground equipment, purchase playground surfacing (mulch), and repaint the ceiling in the places the childcare will operate. So, please pray about giving generously to this need. It is very expensive, and we can really use your gift to change lives. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your donation!

Rudell Massey (June 4, 2020)
 Nellie Verricchia (September 5, 2020)
 Glenda "Faye" Wells (December 13, 2020)
 Annie Earp (December 27, 2020)
 Bobbie Lamm (February 25, 2021)
 Mary Lou O'Neal (March 8, 2021)
 Pattie Gay (April 7, 2021)
 Helen Joyner (May 13, 2021)
 Georgie Lamm (August 8, 2021)



Veteran's Day is November 11th. Our church honors these special groups of men and women every year. Please mark your calendars to join us as we honor all the veterans who have sacrificed to give us the liberty we enjoy in America. After the service, we will honor those represented in our Veteran's Memorial in front of the church. There will be a special flag-raising ceremony to replace our tattered flags with new ones. We hope you will join us for the event.



Another big event will take place on December 5th. For the second year in a row, our choir has not had adequate time to prepare a Christmas Cantata. This year we suffered a small outbreak of Covid that kept the choir from practicing. We hope you will not be too disappointed, but we have asked the Southern Gospel music group "The Perry's" to join us on December 5th for a special Christmas music service. Here are some of their awards and accomplishments. It's going to be a great service!!

- Numerous #1 songs
- 19 Singing News Fan Awards
- Multiple GMA Dove Award® nominations
- GMA Dove Award® for 2012 Southern Gospel Recorded Song of the Year – "Celebrate Me Home"
- Singing News Fan Awards - 2004, 2005, and 2006 Mixed Quartet of the Year
- 2005, 2013 Singing News Fan Awards - Female Vocalist - Libbi Stuffle
- 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 Singing News Fan Awards - Alto Singer - Libbi Stuffle
- 2006 Singing News Fan Awards - Favorite Album - Remembering The Goodmans
- 2004 Harmony Awards - Song Of The Year - "I Wish I Could Have Been There"
- 2006 Harmony Honors Awards - Album Of The Year - Come Thirsty
- 2010 – "If You Knew Him" – Southern Gospel Song of the Year – Singing News Fan Awards
- 2011 – Almost Morning - Nominated Southern Gospel Recording of the Year – Gospel Music Association Dove Awards®
- 2013 - "Through The Night" - Nominated Southern Gospel Album of the Year – Gospel Music Association Dove Awards®
- 2013 – "I Got Ahold of God This Morning" – Southern Gospel Song of the Year – Singing News Fan Awards
- 2014 – "I Can Trust Him" – Nominated Southern Gospel Song of the Year - Gospel Music Association Dove Awards®
- Multiple Appearances on the Gaither Homecoming Video Series



I'm sorry if this newsletter is a little longer than usual. But I wanted to remind everyone the Leadership team will meet next week to discuss the various positions to serve the Lord next year. Our ministry requires a lot of people to effectively minister for Jesus Christ. I appreciate everyone who has filled in the gap for our young people this year. I have a list of people who are currently serving in different ministries and will post them in next week's newsletter. But if you are not serving this year, or if you do not want to serve next year; please contact me so we can make the necessary changes. We want to do our very best for the Lord and that is only possible through your generosity. Thank you in advance for serving the King of Kings!

I leave you with this thought. The greatest danger for most of us when it comes to serving the Lord is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that our aim is too low and we reach it.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal
 Galatians 2:20



Church Attendance



October 27th

Wednesday Night 52

October 31st

Sunday School 83
Sunday Morning Worship 158

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

Wednesday

7 PM - Prayer, Praise & Bible Study
Engage Youth, Propel Kids & Nursery

Every WOH Service can be seen on:

Facebook - Hal Jones page
White Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church - Website
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September 2021

Dear Friends,

During one of my weekly "dinner and devotions" time with the boys on our Greeneville campus, there was a birthday party, complete with pizza and cake, celebrating the 18th birthday of one of our young men, "JJ."

JJ. Has faced many challenges in his young life, but has a friendly personality and optimistic outlook on life through it all. JJ. is a hard worker and during his time with us, was able to work a part time job and save up quite a bit of money.

He has very ambitious life goals, one of which he has continually share with me is to "return to this place in a couple years and take your job."

Please pray for this young man as he leaves our care and heads out for what we pray and believe is a very bright future. This goes for every child that passes through our doors. Whether at our TN or AR ministries, we pray, pray, pray and believe in a brighter future for each one.

In Christ,

Jim McComas
Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 3:12-15, *"Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Messiah is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts."* Paul was not doing away with the Old Covenant but was reminding His readers of the hope that has come through the New Covenant.



While in Brazil in December 2019 - January 2020 we had the opportunity to share the hope we have in Jesus with Israeli backpackers. One important way we did so was by giving them travel-size New Testaments.

When the pandemic struck, the opportunity to continue giving New Testaments to Israelis disappeared or so we thought. Unexpectedly God prompted a young, curious Israeli, who is living in the States, to ask a mutual friend about her faith in Jesus and why she thought the New Testament was God's Word. As our friend told us about Anna,* we excitedly offered to send Anna a New Testament. Paul continued in 2 Corinthians 3:16 saying, *"But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed."*

It is our hope that through the reading of the New Covenant, Anna will turn to the Lord and the veil will be removed. Please pray for God to remove the veil from Anna's heart and the other Israelis we have given New Testaments to. Pray they will believe in Jesus as their Messiah. We desire to be used by God as He takes the veil off of Jewish people's eyes!

Another prayer request is for our future plans in Israel. We have a flight to Israel on October 26th, but we are unsure if we will be able to get into the country. Please pray for the Lord to open borders and to relieve the world of the distress COVID has caused.

In Messiah,

The Arnolds

Jenna, Stephen, and Yael Arnold

*Name changed