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Free Will Baptist Church



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Church Attendance

December 29th

Wednesday Night 52

January 2nd

Sunday School NA

Sunday Worship 147

## HOPE IS HERE

We wait in hope for the Lord;  
He is our help and our shield.  
Psalm 33:20

## From Pastor Hal

I hope the new year is off to a great start for each family in our church. It's official! The Christmas decorations were removed from the sanctuary this past Sunday evening and the new banners are in place for 2022. A special "Thank-you" to everyone who helped with the change. The church is ready for a great year, and I hope you are too. Last week's newsletter mentioned our theme for this year is "Hope Is Here". The world could certainly use the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let's ask the Lord to help us in our efforts to share the Gospel whenever we have the opportunity.

## PRAYER FASTING

This week we can gather around the altar (home and church) to pray. As a reminder, I have asked each member to designate the Tuesdays in January to spend a specific time fasting and in prayer. If our generation is ever going to see this great nation healthy, it will be the result of God's children humbling themselves before a holy God, earnestly seeking His face, and turning from their sin.

### WE NEED TO PRAY!

- Let's ask God to send us a youth pastor. Not just any youth pastor. But an anointed man of God (HIS MAN) to lead our young people for many years to follow.
- Let's look to the mission field and ask the Lord to allow us to see many souls saved in 2022.
- Let's pray for the Lord to strengthen our homes and marriages.
- Let's ask for physical healing today and throughout the year.
- Let's ask for the Lord to bless our new ministry. Specifically, that the Lord would allow Bailey Christian Childcare to open this Fall and be used for His glory.
- Let's ask the Lord to bring a revival to White Oak and to our nation.
- Let's pray for our politicians.
- Let's pray for those listed on the mid-week prayer sheet.

I was reading this week and came across a poem that I hope will be as much a blessing to you as it was to me. It was written by Dale Evans Rogers and printed in her book, "Let Freedom Ring".

### Read It and Pray!

I want to be a part of the answer,  
I want to keep Old Glory flying high.  
I want to keep aflame the torch of freedom  
I want to pass it on when I die.  
For there is so much good in this country  
But all you hear about is the wrong.  
I want to hear a cheer for the Nation  
I want to sing her Star-spangled banner song.  
I love the thirteen stripes of the red and white  
That represents the courageous fight,  
To put the fifty stars on the patch of blue,  
Fifty states for me and you!  
And for the troubles we have, there's a solution  
For God has given a Book to show the way,  
They read the Bible and wrote the constitution  
We'd better start to read and pray!  
Indeed, we had better start to read the Bible and pray.



I appreciate the church's sweet spirit when it came to the change in our routine last week. The work in the Sunday school wing and the former sanctuary is messy work. While we are fairly confident the rooms will be ready for the Sunday services. However, the mid-week schedule has been impacted. I am going to ask the teens to use the Heaven Bound Sunday School room this week for their mid-week service. The Propel-aged children will meet in the gymnasium this Wednesday. Hopefully, the work can be finished, and we can resume our normal schedule this Sunday. Again, thank you for your understanding. Please call me if you have any questions.



We have scheduled our first Community Outreach of the year for this Saturday. However, the weather forecast is calling for a very cold day! So, let's change the date to January 22nd. Hopefully, the temperature will climb out of the '30s. But the church is still going to place some "New Neighbor" cards in the foyer of the church. Would you please take one of these cards and invite someone to the church? These cards have the names of some families who have recently moved to the area and are close to White Oak Hill. We want to make sure they know we're here. Especially if they are looking for a local church to attend. I am reminded of Luke 10:2 "Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest." I am praying each of us will become a "labourer" for the Lord!



Also, we need to add our Quarterly Business Meeting to the January calendar. I am sorry that I forgot to add the meeting to the calendar prior to distributing it to the church family. Would you mark January 26 for the next family meeting? Ms. Glenda will have new calendars in the foyer for anyone who would like to pick up a calendar with the adjustments.



And lastly, don't forget the church is hosting a Couples Retreat to Myrtle Beach this year. The dates are February 10th-12th. The actual retreat portion is February 11-12. It will start at 7:00 pm on Friday evening and finish Saturday at 12:00 pm. We reserve some hotel rooms for Thursday evening because many of us go down a day early to shop and fellowship. You've missed a blessing if you haven't attended a Couples Retreat. It's a great way to spoil yourself, strengthen your home, and grow spiritually as a couple.

Love in Christ,  
*Rev. Hal W. Jones III*  
 Pastor Hal  
 Galatians 2:20

## 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

**WOH Services can be seen on either:**

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

# MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!



December 2021 Newsletter

## Moore News from Brazil and Beyond



### MOORE NEWS

After two decades of serving as missionaries in Brazil, we feel the time has come to suspend our overseas ministry. We say suspend because our hearts are open to go back to the mission field if and when the Lord directs. We love Brazil, missions, & world evangelism and are grateful for the calling God has put in our hearts. We believe the same Lord who led us to Brazil has led us back to the U.S...at least for now.

We have sought Godly counsel and prayed much about this decision and feel this is God's will and timing. **For this reason, we are asking our supporters to prayerfully redirect your mission giving to other missionaries who are actively serving on the field, fulfilling the great commission.**

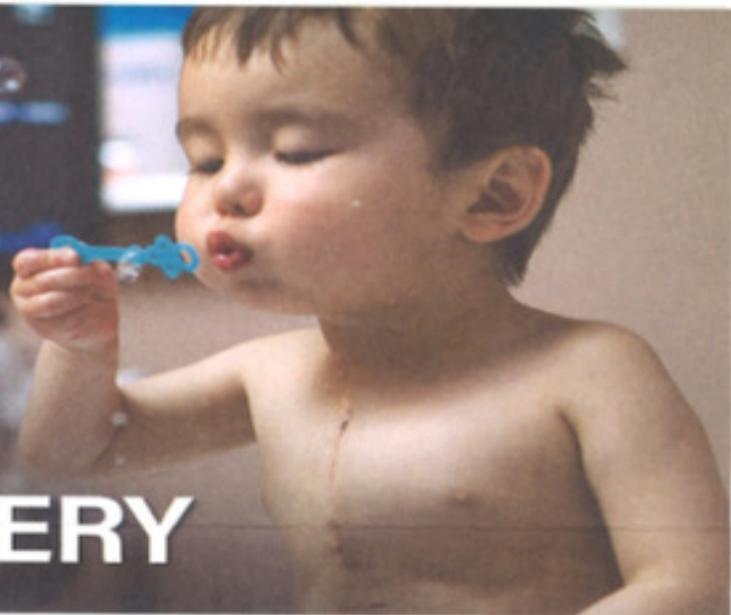
Beginning January 1, 2022, I will begin serving as associate pastor of First FWB Church-Inman, under the ministry of our pastor, Rev. Sean Fortner. This is Andrea's home church and has been our sending church for the past 10 years. We are excited and grateful for this new ministry and thankful to our wonderful church family for this opportunity. Our desire is to serve the Lord wherever we are.

We would like to thank the pastors, churches, family, and friends who have been so supportive of our overseas ministry. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, partnership, & encouragement that have made our ministry possible. We have been surrounded by faithful friends in the body of Christ who have been such a blessing to us on this journey. We love and appreciate you and are thankful for your sacrifices. It is because of your prayers and support that we were able to take the gospel to the people of Brazil, make disciples, and see remaining fruit. It has been the honor of our lives to serve our Master as overseas Free Will Baptist church planters in the country of Brazil for the past 20 years. It has been an amazing journey. Never be afraid of God's will, be afraid of missing out on it. It is truly a life of no regrets.

That All May Hear,  
Andy, Andrea, Levi, and Lily Moore



# Providing Little Children with LIFE-SAVING HEART SURGERY

**DEAR FRIEND,**

I'm grateful to all of you who have been praying for me after my recent heart surgery. I have a scar that matches that of the child pictured above, but I'm back home now and feeling better every day! I am especially thankful that our nation is blessed with great hospitals and skilled surgeons who can perform these kinds of specialized, life-saving operations.

Many around the world are not so fortunate. Even nations that offer cardiac surgery for adults often lack the technology and expertise to perform delicate procedures

on little children born with heart defects.

When I was in Bosnia in 1997, we came across several children who needed heart surgery that was routine in the U.S. but impossible in the midst of a war zone. Without this medical intervention, they would have died. Samaritan's Purse brought four of those children to Charleston, South Carolina, for the needed operations—the first step in what became our Children's Heart Project. We have broadened the project beyond Bosnia to include more than a dozen countries where pediatric heart surgery is not available. We praise God that we have been able to provide life-saving care for more than 1,430 children.

While in the U.S., the children and their parents are matched with host families and churches, who are witnesses for the Gospel in word and deed. Through this ministry, hundreds of these boys, girls, and family members have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. Just a couple of years ago I met several of our former patients in Mongolia, and not only are they thriving young adults, but many of them have become church leaders in their homeland. We praise God for how He is using this project to strengthen the church.

Just before I had my surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, the same hospital donated cardiac surgery for children from Bolivia, including two 7-year-olds named Jose and Alexander. Alexander's condition was particularly severe. Samaritan's Purse brought him to the U.S. just in time because his heart was starting to fail.

While the boys and their moms were with the host family, they were led through The Greatest Journey lessons—the same evangelism and discipleship course that Samaritan's Purse offers to children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. As the boys heard the Gospel, they responded in faith and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They soon were able to recite Scripture and learned how to share the Gospel with friends and family. As he left to return home, Jose said, "I am thankful to God for healing my heart and making it clean."

Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the Children's Heart Project, and we look forward to serving more and more children. Please pray that the Lord will continue to work through us to heal hearts for now and for eternity.



**GOING STRONG:** WE BROUGHT ALEXANDER AND JOSE FROM BOLIVIA FOR SURGERY.



**HELPING OTHERS:** I WAS GLAD TO MEET AVA EVANS, A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO OVERCAME A HEART DEFECT TO BECOME A COMPETITIVE RUNNER. SHE HAS MADE IT HER MISSION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S HEART PROJECT.