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Free Will Baptist Church



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Church Attendance

January 12th

Wednesday Night 70

January 16th

Sunday School NA

Sunday Worship NA

HOPE IS HERE

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

From Pastor Hal



Since I am writing this newsletter on a day we celebrate one of the greatest civil rights leader in America's history, it is fitting to start with one of his quotes. Hopefully, we will never confuse this wonderful man with the people marching in the streets whose hearts are so full of hatred. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Indeed, hate is like cancer. It consumes the individual and destroys from within. May we show the love of Christ to everyone we meet. The right kind of love is an eternal difference-maker.

James 2:8 "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well."

Carol Cymbala and her husband Jim went through an awful two-year period in their life. While they were ministering to the people in N.Y.C. at Brooklyn Tabernacle their daughter turned her back on the Lord. The fact Chrissy (their daughter) would turn her back on the God they loved so much was excruciating. Carol sat down one day and wrote the lyrics to a song that would minister to her and her husband during the dark days. Mrs. Cymbala wrote, "He's Been Faithful." Carol learned to praise the Lord even while the storm was raging. What a blessing this song has been to so many Christians. She knew her God was faithful, and she could trust him. So, while their hearts were hurting and their daughter was running, Carol wrote the lyrics sung by many people today. Let me encourage you to listen to it.

He's Been Faithful

In my own suffering
Through every pain every tear
There's a God who's been faithful to me
When my strength was all gone
When my heart had no song
Still in love He's proved faithful to me
Every word He's promised is true
What I thought was impossible
I've seen my God do
He's been faithful
Faithful to me
Looking back His love and mercy I see
Though in my heart I have questioned
And failed to believe
He's been faithful, faithful to me
When my heart looked away
The many times I could not pray

Still my God was faithful to me
The days are spent so selfishly
Reaching out for what pleased me
Even then God was faithful to me
Every time I come back to Him
He is waiting for open arms
And I see once again
He's been faithful
Faithful to me
Looking back His love and mercy I see
Though in my heart I have questioned
Even failed to believe
Yet He's been faithful, faithful to me

After two years away from the Lord, Pastor Jim and Carol Cymbala's daughter (Chrissy) knocked on the door. She fell on her knees begging the Lord for forgiveness. Carol would later write "What I thought was impossible, I've seen my God do."

Do you need a miracle? Do you need something great to happen in your life? The same God who brought Chrissy home can also deliver a miracle to your doorstep.

Matthew 7:7-8 " Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

PRAYER FASTING

Every Tuesday this month our church has set aside a time for prayer and fasting. I hope each of you have marked this day of the week to intercede for America and our church. Jesus said in Mark 9:29, "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." If the demons are going to be removed in America, it will only be when the children of God fast and pray. Let's join hearts and hands in prayer asking God to heal our great country.



Since the Lord brought snow and ice our way over the weekend, the services were online only. Let me praise the faithful worshippers online. It is very encouraging to see so many in our church family watching the service and making comments online. THANK-YOU! Please don't forget that when we have inclement weather (like this past weekend), you can give to God's work in several ways.

- Give online at the church's home page.
- Mail your gift to the Lord through the USPS.
- Or you can come by the church and say hello. (This is our preference. We love seeing each of you when you come by the office.)

Many of you are so faithful and it shows! Thank you for your continued support at White Oak.



The church will host the first missionary for the year and the first business meeting of the year next week. Rev. Carl Miller (and his wife Mary) will be with us this Sunday morning. Brother Carl is the N.C. representative for Harvest Childcare Ministries. Then on Wednesday, the church will have its first business meeting of the year. I'm excited to be able to share some great news and I hope every member will plan to be at the meeting.



Unfortunately, I'm very sorry to announce the "Worthy Is The Lamb" banquet is canceled due to the widespread number of Covid cases in our area. Hopefully, our state will become healthier, and we can fellowship later in the year.



Some of you have been praying for Cindy's family. Her Uncle Doug Miller passed away last weekend. We will be leaving Tuesday evening to go to Wilmington. On Wednesday, the family will gather at 11 and the funeral is at 2:00 p.m. We covet your prayers during these challenging times.

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



To the precious people of White Oak Hill!
Dale and I are so very grateful for the generous gift you gave. You may never know just how much that it helped us in some of the needs that we have at this point in his health journey. Please continue to remember us both in your prayers each day. He is strong in this faith but his body is becoming weaker. Thank you again. May our heavenly Father bless you all richly. Much love,
Pastor Dale & Julie McCoy

MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!



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Dear Friend,

Recently during one of my devotions and meal time with the young men in our alcohol and drug program, my message was "Where are you going, and how are you going to get there?"

One of our young men raised his hand and said "I came here a meth addict, but this program and just being here has really helped me, and by God's grace I'm going to go home in 12 days and stay clean and sober!"

PRAISE HIM that we are still where we've always been, still sharing, still ministering, and still reaching young people with the message of the Gospel!

Dear friend of this ministry, you have my personal commitment that this ministry is, and will continue to stay true to our mission statement until Jesus comes back, which is this:

"To serve and share Christ in order to strengthen and preserve families and provide a loving, caring and secure environment in which to live, work and grow in the Lord."

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McComas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Jim McComas
Executive Director

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