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White Oak Newsletter
White Oak Hill
Area Mill Baptist Church



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Church Attendance

January 19th

Wednesday Night 55

January 23rd

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



A little boy was petting his father's horse while the dad had gone inside to purchase some supplies. As he was patting the horse, someone passing by asked him a question, "Can your horse go fast?" The young man answered, "No, not very fast. But he can stand fast!" Standing fast is a virtue that is good for the horse and it's good for people.

Due to the weather, our church family has not been able to gather for worship in the church building. And while I appreciate technology, it's just not the same worshipping at home. But I do appreciate everyone who has tuned into the services online. Many of you are getting involved in the service by typing your encouraging comments online. It's our way to let everyone know we are together in spirit, even if we aren't physically together at the church. Thank you for your faithfulness and your encouraging words. I would also like to thank you for your financial faithfulness. Some of you have given online, others have mailed in their tithe, and some have even come by the church to say hello. Thank you so much for your love for the Lord and your gift to Kingdom work! I think we all know the Lord will not ask us if we finished in first place while running our race; but He will ask us if we were faithful (and he already knows the answer).



The subject of faithfulness leads me to discuss our first business meeting this Wednesday (01/26). God was so good to White Oak Hill last year. Just as the evergreen is always green despite the weather conditions, many of you are so faithful despite the hurdles in life. This Wednesday, our church family will get an update on:

- Percentage of members attending regularly in 2021
- How many people (or families) gave to this church last year? Want to guess?
- When are we opening Bailey Christian Childcare?
- What modifications need to be made to the building? Has the lead paint inspector been to church yet?
- Did we receive enough money in donations to meet the 2021 budget?
- How many missionaries did our church partner with in 2021?

I am so excited about what the Lord is going to do through our church family this year. Exciting things are about to take place at White Oak in 2022, and each of you are a big part of it.

Love
Makes the Difference

Next month is Family month at the church. We try to spend a lot of time on the structure of the Christian home found in God's Word. Our theme for February will be "Love Makes the Difference." Our theme verse will be 1 John 4:19 "We love Him because He first loved us." Praise the Lord for His infinite and marvelous love to each of us. We hope you will plan to join us each Sunday in February as we look at God's marvelous plan for the home. And please don't forget the couple's retreat scheduled for February 10-12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The group will be staying at the Kingston Plantation in North Myrtle Beach. The resort is located on the beach, and the resort will allow our group to use the spa (sauna, steam room, gym, etc.). Let me encourage every couple to pray about joining us for this retreat. After Covid, who doesn't need a romantic getaway?



There are some 2021 giving receipts and 2022 offering envelopes on the table in the church foyer. If you haven't already, please take a moment and stop by the table to collect your record of last year's contributions? Thank you for your kindness to the White Oak Hill FWB Church and Kingdom work.

PRAYER
FASTING

This week officially marks the last week of our P/F Tuesdays in January. But please don't stop! Let me urge each of you to continue to pray for revival. We desperately need a mighty movement of God in our country and in our church. Our prayer and our fasting will make a difference. I am personally going to commit to praying and fasting at least one day a month. Would you join me? I hope so!

"Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God." Andrew Murray

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!

Hope for Bulgaria

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, INC.



2021 Annual Report





Splitting Rocks

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18



When I think of the work our team has done in 2021, I think of this picture. What God has called us to do in Bulgaria, planting Free Will Baptist churches in an atheistic society, is not impossible, but at times it feels that way, just as many people would think that a small sapling has no way of splitting a boulder. However, over time, little by little, the tree grows, and the rock gives way.

I am here to tell you that the rock of atheism and hopelessness is being split apart. We see this in the lives of those who were baptized this year after giving their hearts to Jesus. This rock of despair cannot remain whole in the face of those who find hope and joy in these small Free Will Baptist churches here in Bulgaria. It is here that they find real life and a heavenly family while hearing about One who can transform them from the inside-out.

Jesus said that His church will be built. In Bulgaria it is being built. We see it happening in front of us. We see it in the small town of Odurne where our mission work is the only church where people can hear the gospel and we see it in the larger cities like Varna where the church needs to expand to have enough space for everyone who wants to attend. Jesus is building his church.

The gates of hell will not prevail. Just as the boulder cannot stop the tree, our enemy cannot stop what God is doing here. Yes, he will try to discourage us, accuse us, and attempt to convince us to give up, but we are sustained by the power of Jesus Christ who could not be held, even by the chains of death. It seems incredible that a small sapling can split a boulder, however, just like the church in Bulgaria, that sapling will grow. Faith, patience, and persistence will see the impossible done, and God will be glorified in Bulgaria.

Tim Awtrey

Bulgaria, Field Chairman

January 2022

IMPORTANT FACTS

5
Churches



Outreach

Events

56

12
Missionaries



420

Over 420 heard the gospel in 2021 for the first time through IM in Bulgaria.



Testimonies

"I thank God for our kids' group. We may be small, but we learn such wonderful stories from the Bible and pray together. It means so much to me." - M.

"I was drawn to the church because I saw that you really

cared about helping people with their needs. You don't just talk about helping people, you are active in helping them." -V.

"Our Bible study is my favorite meeting of the whole week." -V.

"You all [the church] are wonderful people! Thank you for everything you have done for us!"

"I am grateful to belong to this church. My life has changed since I started attending the church services. I am grateful to the Lord I met these people." - M

The atmosphere in the church is very different from other places. You can see people who are good and ready to help each other. Wherever I go I invite the people I meet to come and experience this atmosphere, to experience God." – V

"I am convinced now there is God and am so grateful to have found this church" – D

"Despite the valley and the storm, we weathered, God brought us through and somehow sustained us and helped us bond even more as a church."

"Before I came to church, I had no purpose. Now that I know Christ, I have purpose."

"I have never met people like you before. You are like aliens because you don't act like the other people around me act."

“Thank you for preaching the Truth of the Bible! I pray that more people would be able to hear these sermons.” - V

A YEAR IN PICTURES



Team Finances

A few years ago, Free Will Baptist International Missions implemented a plan to help us all have

a clearer understanding of our individual missionary account standings by using a color-coded system. **GREEN** means that everything is good and our accounts are in order. **YELLOW** means that our missionary account has fallen below ten percent of our budgeted needs and **RED** means that our account is running a deficit. Here is how we are doing as a team:

AWTREY - **GREEN**

POSTLEWAITE- **GREEN**

PROVOW- **GREEN**

DRISCOLL- **GREEN**

DELGADO- **GREEN**

CASH- **GREEN**

BULGARIA (TRIFONOV) - **YELLOW**

Impact Project Bulgaria

The FWB church in Varna, under the leadership of Trif and Vanya, has continued to reach more and more people for Christ. Because of all the new people coming to faith, the place where they meet is now too small. A few years ago, we began a campaign to raise money for a permanent church home for the believers in Varna. And God has provided in a miraculous way! We were able to purchase a building for the church in Varna and now they have a permanent home. But one thing still remains. We still owe \$76,069.57 on this church building and are asking for your help. Pray with us and please consider donating towards establishing the very first Free Will Baptist church building in Eastern Bulgaria. For donations:

<https://pushpay.com/g/imimpactprojects> (Impact Bulgaria Freedom). Thank you!

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