

Several days ago, I was reminded the battle we fight each day belongs to the Lord. 1 Samuel 17:47 "And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands." America is filled with battles. There are:

- Racial battles as groups demand equality and fairness.
- Domestic battles as parents and children disagree on the correct course of action when it comes to the Covid virus. One child told their parents not visit the kids until they were fully vaccinated.
- Skirmishes within the church family as opinions regarding worship styles are vehemently expressed. These opinions often cause division and strife within the family.
- Physical battles with illnesses such as cancer, liver disease, etc.
- Governmental battles as the politicians continue to disparage one another.
- And of course, the battles between countries (Russia Vs. Ukraine)

The Bible is filled with examples where the Lord fights the battle and claims the victory for His children. Our Lord is immutable. He does not change. Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8 The same God who won the victory for Moses, David, Samson, Paul, etc. will win the battle for us. It would be easy to have the impression Satan is winning and we are losers. But nothing could be farther from the truth. We are already winners. (Romans 8:1; 35-39). Whatever battle we may be fighting today, let's give it to the Lord.

Let's start a new challenge this month to sharpen our minds. The Bible instructs us to hide God's Word in our heart so we might not sin against a holy God (Psalm 119:11). Let's try something new and test the waters of our mind. I would like to encourage everyone to memorize one verse a week for the rest of the year. Since our theme this month centers on love, let's memorize John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." Can you do it? I believe you can and look forward to sharing the Scriptures with you in church.



The Couple's Retreat was awesome. The Lord gave us the best beach weather we could have hoped for in the middle of February. Our teaching time was based on the book "Love and Respect" by Emerson Eggerichs. Without love the wife will not respect her husband. And without respect the husband will not love his wife. The theme verse for our retreat was Ephesians 5:33 " Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." A special thanks to all the couples who attended this year's retreat. The fellowship was amazing!



How many of you saw Joseph Johnson get wet this past Sunday? His dad joined me in the baptismal pool as Joseph followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism. We are so proud of him and his family as they faithfully serve the Lord together. Joe Johnson Jr. will take the next step by joining the White Oak Hill church family this Sunday. Do you know what else is happening this Sunday?



The Millers will be joining us for a special praise service starting at 10:30 a.m. The Millers are an award-winning Southern Gospel Music group who happened to have a cancellation this weekend. We are thrilled they are coming to the church. A special offering will be taken to help support the Millers as they continue to use their talents for the glory of God.



The Hilltop FWB Church will host their annual Armor of God conference March 4-5. I will take the church van down for the Friday service. The van will leave at 4:30 p.m. We will stop and enjoy dinner prior to the service. Rev. Jake Potter and Rev. Christian Powell will be preaching this year. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend. We can register for the event at www.hilltopchurch/armor2022.



The Engage Youth will join the College and Career young adults for an indoor paintball challenge. Everyone will travel to The Kill Zone to have a teen VS. College paintball challenge. Please sign up in the foyer so the church can better prepare the transportation.

- The Date: February 26
- The Time: 10:15 a.m.-1:45p.m.
- The Cost: \$20.00 (Lunch is included)
- The Participants: The Youth and the young at heart may even try my hand at this event.



- 1. Mrs. Elaine Barnes was knocking on Heaven's door, but the Lord has decided to give us more time with this dear saint. She is better (NOT WELL) and back at the Brian Rehab Center in Goldsboro. Please lift up Ms. Elaine in prayer.
- 2. Ms. Elaine's brother-in-law, Bill Hayes, passed away this past weekend. The funeral is Wednesday afternoon. Please pray for Glenda Carroll as she sings at the funeral.
- 3. Mrs. Pat Register still needs our prayers.
- 4. Please continue to pray for a youth pastor. We know God's timing is perfect, but I sure wish February was His time to bring someone to White Oak.
- 5. Ms. Ann Landin asked us to pray for Pat Thompson. A friend of the family.
- 6. Let's pray for Shirley Dew who is struggling with her health and hasn't been able to make it to church in a few weeks.

Fervent prayers produce phenomenal results.

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Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jonus III

Pastor Hal Galatians 2:20

The family of

Johnnie Worrell, Jr.

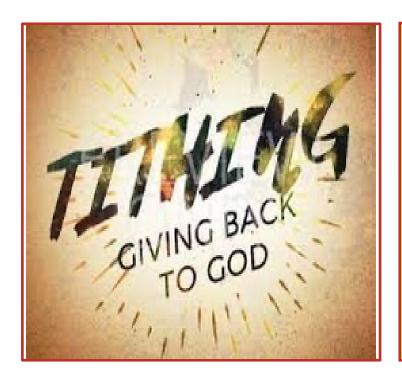
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appreciation your kind

expression of sympathy

White Oak Hill Church Family Thank you so much for the Plant. We appreciate your Kindness in thinking of us during this Sad time. Sincerely,

Jean + Family



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









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"And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." MARK 12:42-44

Remember when Gideon's army of recruits was at first 32,000 WEAK, then with God's guidance 300 STRONG! Oftentimes when we "let go and let God" more will be accomplished than when we use our own reasoning. God wants to show us His power as He proves to us "Little is much when God is in it."

That's the power I feel at Harvest Child Care Ministries. Harvest may not be the biggest children's ministry, our leadership may not be the most prestigious, our donors may not be the wealthiest; but what God has ordained, no power on earth can hinder! God equips the available, multiplies the pennies, and uses them to accomplish His purposes! Since 1993, Harvest has answered His call to provide broken kids with a place of healing and refuge - a place to call home!

In order to fulfill this calling, we did what it took to make it happen. Back then, it required a mortgage to build the buildings for kids to call home. Now, it's time for Harvest to get out of debt and to use all our funds to provide more programs and services to help the children.

That's why we designate every February "Have a Heart for Harvest" month. We ask all our friends and partners in ministry to designate a special offering to go directly to paying off the debt. Because you gave in 2021, we reduced our mortgage debt by \$146,040! Thank you! But we still have more to go. As we begin 2022, our mortgage balance is \$493,460. Will you "Have a Heart for Harvest" again this year and help us take another big step to become debt-free? Every dollar you designate for "Have a Heart for Harvest" will be paid immediately on the mortgage and will make more funds available for programs and services.

Thank you for being our partner in this important ministry and helping us prove that "Little is much when God is in it." Thank you for serving Christ through kids!

PURPOSE

Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries is a non-profit agency that provides residential group homes and emergency and assessment shelters for abused, neglected, abandoned, or troubled children. Our philosophy is that a healthy Christian home environment, caring parents, and a wholesome family life are fundamental necessities, if not rights, for every child.

Seasons is published by Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries to keep friends informed of current activities and programs. If you have suggestions or comments, or are interested in supporting Harvest and the children in our care, please call or write:

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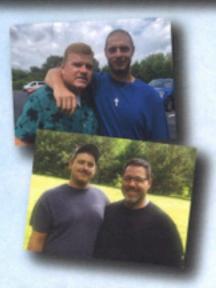
Our children love to care for pets. They like interacting with them. The pets like it too! Caring for a pet helps a child learn empathy skills that will follow them in every aspect of their lives. Feeling what another person/animal feels, or at least trying to, is a first step in becoming a productive member of a family and society as a whole. Recently a new pet member was added at the girl's cottage. Athena is a cute little hedge hog. Disney also lives at the girl's cottage. He never turns down love from the boy's cottage! The pets at Harvest consider themselves staff members and attend staff meetings. Ollie helps with the paper work by organizing each sheet. Fox helps the boys staff by lending moral support.



MATTHEW PERRY JOINS THE WORK FORCE

Harvest strives to provide the children in our homes' a well- rounded family life. Part of that is training young people how to become productive members of society. We guide them in graduating from high school. After graduation, we encourage them to explore secondary education options. Some choose technical school in order to obtain a skill. Others choose traditional college settings. We do not want the children we have raised to depend on others for their livelihood. Matthew, who lived at the home for over 10 years, graduated last May from community college with a degree in criminal justice. He started his first job this month. He is a correctional officer at the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. Matthew wants to advance his career by attending the police academy in the near future. Matthew's Harvest family is very proud of his accomplishment and blessed to call him our son. Please pray for Matthew daily. Matthew is pictured in his uniform along with NC Advancement Representative, Linda Stepps. We are all proud of Matthew and his accomplishments.

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Harvest is not a "stopping off" place in a child's life. It is a home where they can grow up, learn life skills, know and feel unconditional love, and figure out what they want to do with their lives. It is also a home for the child who is in the midst of the worst time of their life. Here they can find stability and security-a place where they can process what has happened and figure it all out. We are blessed and privileged to have former kids contact us. They wantus to know that this ministry has made an impact on their life. Are they doctors, lawyers, or preachers? Most are not. They are, however, productive members of society, working everyday to provide for their own needs and those of their family. Pictured are two young men who grew up at the home and came to visit recently.

The boys cottage experienced a blast from the past! For their craft activity, they all made tie-dyed t-shirts. They had a great time creating them. They even made one for Fox! He looks great! Our kids are caring and compassionate.





They think of others before themselves. The girl's cottage wanted to cook Ms. Cathy her favorite meal for her birthday. They did a great job honoring their houseparent.

Autumn is beautiful in Virginia. Normally the hues are beautiful. This year the leaves fell off the trees before they presented their beautiful colors. The children like to rake the leaves only if they are allowed to jump in them afterward. It is so good to watch kids have fun in the outdoors.





At times, church potlucks can be a little stressful. Ms. Robin listened to this young man's stories until she had to take a little nap! We are thankful for Genesis Church. The church is welcoming to the children and is excited to include them in the services and special events.

Most of the boys suffer from severe bed head in the mornings. This young man decided to take care of the problem by wrapping a towel around his head and presenting himself at breakfast!





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"I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." PSALMS 139:14

Harvest is a happy place. When children are able to live at Harvest for a while, whether it be a few months or a few years, they know they are in a great place. The children are celebrated as the child that God made in His own image. They are loved and cared for. We need your continued prayers and support as we navigate these troubled days. Thank you being our partner in ministry. We couldn't do it without you. You can use our new donation platform by texting HARVEST to 801801. You can also log on to our website harvestccm.org and make your secure donation. As always, you can mail your gift to PO Box 259, Duffield, VA 24244.



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