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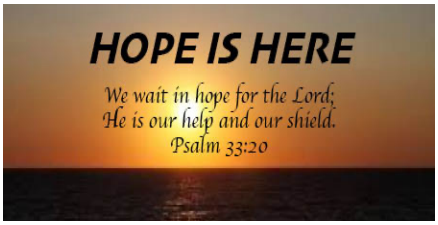

From Pastor Hal

Church Attendance

March 16th
Wednesday Night 80

March 20th
Sunday School 100
Sunday Worship 154
Evening Worship 77

I hope you don't mind if I start this newsletter in a more personal way. There have been many posts on social media and various websites identifying March as the time to honor our pastor's wife. How can I skip this opportunity to share how thankful I am to be married to such a wonderful person? Cindy (in my opinion) is truly a Proverbs 31 woman. She gets up early to spend time with the Lord, works diligently, and makes sure our home honors God. She loves to visit the church family and go out on visitation. I would like to thank the Lord for giving me such a precious helpmate. She completes me! Thank the Lord for my wonderful wife.

This past Sunday was amazing! We praise the Lord for giving us such Spirit-filled services.

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:1-7 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Jesus said in Matthew 24:37-38 "37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,"

Voddie Bauchum said , "Our culture isn't in a mess because of the way we voted. We are in a mess because men love darkness rather than light." (paraphrased)

There is no question the sign of current events point to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Patel shared with us that there are 1.4 billion people in India who have never heard about Jesus Christ. Worshipping creation rather than the Creator! Please forgive me for being prideful, but I was very proud of our church this past weekend. Your attendance and your generous giving reveal a heartbeat that pounds for people to know Jesus Christ. But it wasn't just about attending the service on Sunday and the amount of money given (you were VERY generous). No, it was putting on shoe leather that was willing to work for the Master.

- There was more food than we could eat for our Sunday fellowship because so many of our members took the time to prepare it.
- Servants sacrificed being in the sanctuary to hear God's Word to prepare the meal for everyone else.
- Our wonderful secretary had to run out and get some tea at the last minute because I forgot it (THANK-YOU GLENDA).
- Many of our members helped clean the F.L.C. after the meal was over.

Martin Luther said, "Faith is a living, busy, active, powerful thing; it is impossible for it not to do us good continually. It never asks whether good are to be done but has done them before there is time to ask the question, and it is always doing them."

The powerful demonstration of a living, giving faith (James 2:20) this weekend made an eternal difference. Thank you to all who gave their time, talent, and treasure to the Lord!

Women Active for Christ

Hopefully, if you couldn't be at the church this weekend, you were able to watch the services online. I am sorry that my phone died halfway through the evening service. That would have been unfortunate for all our Facebook viewers. I apologize for the inconvenience. Mrs. Melissa Belcher gave a wonderful presentation for the W.A.C. The Women's Active for Christ would be a great small group to join if you are not already serving in a small group at White Oak Hill. They will be leaving the church this Saturday at 7:30 a.m. for the Randall Association meeting at Calvary Church in Durham. Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

sonshine club

Another wonderful ministry of the church is the Sonshine Club. They will kick off the year on April 2 at 5:00 p.m. After serving the Lord in this ministry for a very long time, Brother James and Jean McKeel would like to hand the reigns over to someone younger. They (along with a few others) have been so faithful in making sure our seniors enjoyed some great activities each month. At the next meeting, the group will be voting for some new officers to lead into 2022. Hopefully, you are praying how to help this wonderful small group excel for the Lord Jesus Christ. The positions where a person can serve are listed below:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer Currently
- Food Coordinator
- Devotion
- Music

DOWNTOWN ESCAPES

This Saturday the Engage Youth and College/Career will head to the "Escape Room" in Raleigh. Shannon and Glenda will take the groups to see who can find their way out of a locked room the fastest. It's a lot of fun and it's not too late to sign up for the event, but you must register in advance. The van will leave the church at 4:30 pm.

Our White Oak Hill March Madness competition started last weekend. Of course, the madness has already begun as Kentucky and Baylor found an early ticket home. There are three people tied for the lead after the first weekend. Dewey Pitts, Christy Bryant, and Melissa Belcher are tied for the lead after the first round. Great Job! Round two of the tournament will start this Thursday.

GREAT NEWS! White Oak Hill will begin a new ministry starting April 5th. Every Tuesday the church will host a prayer/basketball night. We are inviting all the young men (teens/college) and older men to a prayer meeting at the church. After the prayer meeting, we will go to the Family Life Center to play some basketball. It is exciting to be able to open the church doors for the men of God to seek the face of God on a weekly basis. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

"Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure." D.L. Moody

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal
Galatians 2:20

FREE CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

Three Ways to Register at RightNowMedia

Link
This link is easy to access to the church's account:
https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/WHITEOAKHILL

Text Code
This text code is easy to access to the church's account: WHITEOAKHILL can be texted to 49775.

QR Code
This scannable code is easy to access to the church's account.

The Family Food Basket is in need of the following items:

- **Ramen Noodles**
- **Canned Carrots**
- **Canned Mixed Vegetables**
- **Canned Meats**

All donations can be placed in the basket in the foyer.

Thank You!!

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!

IM NewsBeat

MARCH / APRIL 2022

ESCUELA DE IDIOMAS EN ESPAÑA: LEARNING TO SPEAK THE GOSPEL

When I arrived in Spain, I felt like I had a really good understanding of Spanish. I understood a good portion of what was going on around me, but struggled to hold a conversation. I decided to spend six weeks doing an intensive language course. This was 15 hours of classes, 10 hours of travel, and 5-10 hours of homework and studying each week. On top of that, I still needed to maintain my weekly ministry responsibilities. I plan and help lead English lessons, attend team meetings, work on biweekly newsletters, interact with friends I have made here, attend weekly prayer meetings, etc. Aside from ministry responsibilities, I also have responsibilities at home. The groceries still have to be bought, the house still has to be cleaned, dinner cooked, laundry done, and our daughter, Emilia, needs my attention.

There are two main things that help me accomplish all of this within a 24-hour period: organization and grace. I like to keep an agenda of what I need to accomplish each day, and I check it off when I finish a task. But, even with organization, there also has to be grace ready to be freely given. I can only do so much in a day. I have to be willing to give myself grace. In order for language school to be a success, I had to know going into it what I wanted to get out of it. Thankfully, before we came to Spain, IM sent us to the Center for Intercultural Training (CIT). While there, we took a class on second-language acquisition. This helped us know how we best learn a language, how we will thrive in a language learning environment, and how to be okay with making mistakes in front of people. Because, let's be honest, while learning a new language this happens ALL the time. Thankfully CIT gave me the tools to succeed in language school, and I was able to go in with realistic expectations!

My six weeks of language school have been the hardest weeks since arriving in Spain. They have brought long days, multiple levels of frustration, and so many tears. The reason we came to Spain is to share the gospel. In order to share the gospel, I have to make deep relationships. Strong relationships come through meaningful conversations. In order to reach those around me, I have to strengthen my knowledge of not only the Spanish language, but also the Spanish culture. The best way to do that is to fully embrace language school and all of its challenges, which ultimately brings me closer to the goal of sharing Jesus with those who need Him.

Lauren Riggs and her husband Sam are helping plant a church in the area of Alpedrete, Spain. Learn more about their ministry: ***iminc.org/im-missionaries/samuel-lauren-riggs***

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

Baby #3 is on the way in the **Chereau family!** Michelle is due in August 2022. Zoe and Ainhoa are excited about the news!

The Morgans arrived safely back to the field in Spain. Pray for them as they readjust and for their ministries at Esperanza Church.

The Driscolls welcomed their baby girl, **Ruby Katherine Brenton Driscoll,** into the world on February 27. They share, "We praise God for her life and for blessing us with this daughter!"

Bulgarian IM missionaries met for their annual field team meeting in February. It was a good time of encouragement, fellowship, and sharing.

Debbie Griffin has been at Second Level–Japanese Discipleship in Atlanta, GA, while on Stateside Assignment, waiting for Japan borders to reopen.

Two new families left for their fields in March. **Adam and Carol Duncan** departed for their first term in Ecuador, while **Abby Walker** received the needed visa to enter Japan and begin her ministry.

David Reeves passed his written driving exam in French! This was a difficult exam and took a lot of preparation.

STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Several IM missionaries are currently on Stateside Assignment raising funds and prayer support. Opportunities to meet and speak with churches and organizations are greatly appreciated. Those services inform congregations of each missionary's ministry, so they will know how to specifically pray and partner with them.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Bryson Foulks is an East Tennessee native, plans to graduate from Welch College in 2022 with a B.S. in Theological Studies and Exercise Science. Bryson loves the outdoors and sports, served cross-culturally for two summers as a boys' camp counselor in Alaska and worked with Indian Ministries of North America, sharing the gospel with Native Americans. He joined a College Missions Program France team in 2021. Bryson will serve in **France** along with both Teague families. He is currently traveling around the States raising funds and support to get to France.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the IM board meeting taking place in April. Pray for the leadership team and board members to have wisdom in decision-making and encouragement to continue laboring together with the Body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Pray for the 27 Stateside missionaries who are currently seeking funds and support to return to their fields. Ask God to provide straight paths, enduring partnerships, and clear direction as they seek to follow and obey His commands.

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Your partnership in the gospel yields dividends around the world in lives changed and churches planted. If you would like to discuss ways to see that impact continue long-term, call 1-877-767-7736 for information on Planned Gifts or Estate Planning.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF IN BULGARIA

Recently, the current imposing threat of the Russian military in Ukraine has displaced millions, forcing them to flee their homes and countries seeking refuge in a safer place. IM missionaries in Bulgaria are hosting a family of five Ukrainians (two sisters & their children) who are living at the church during this war. They previously knew nothing about these families, but are thankful for this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. You can make a tangible impact by giving to the Emergency Response fund through The Hanna Project. Be sure to designate your gift as "Ukrainian refugee efforts" in the giving memo box. To give, visit: **Hannaproject.com/give**

FOLLOW OUR IM GLOBAL PARTNERS

New! IM Global Partners is now on social media. Follow the Facebook Page to be informed and stay connected to Free Will Baptist associations of churches and like-minded organizations around the world. IM has partnered with fellow Free Will Baptists in other countries to facilitate their evangelism, church planting, training of leaders, and benevolent ministries. **Facebook.com/IMGlobalPartners**

CMP IN SPAIN

We are excited for the Welch College Missions Program team who will be in Alpedrete, Spain, in March to work alongside IM missionaries. While there, they will help with several ministry projects, learn about Spanish culture, and strengthen relationships with contacts in the area. Pray for the students as God works through each of them during this trip.

ETEAM UPDATES

Be on the lookout for future ETEAM news about upcoming changes for the 2022 summer trips. Please continue to pray for each student, leader, and IM missionary host as they prepare. You can financially support these high-school students by giving to their individual accounts. They need your support to GO and serve where God is leading them.

WNAC TO HOST PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

WNAC groups around the country are participating in a missions-focused week of prayer leading up to Easter. We invite families, churches, life groups, and individuals to participate in prayer April 11-15, 2022. You can find all the requests and corresponding resources for Pre-Easter Week of Prayer on our website. **Scan the QR code to access the content!**

WMO MATERIALS AVAILABLE NOW

Although the World Missions Offering has moved from April to August, the WMO 2022 promotional materials are available NOW for you and your church to use if your church still plans to take up the WMO offering in April or any other month. Visit **iminc.org/wmo** to see all the downloadable materials that are available! We are prayerfully working toward a goal of $1 million dollars so everyone together makes an IMpact.