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Free Will Baptist Church



From
Pastor Hal



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Church Attendance

September 28th
Wednesday Night 79
October 2nd
Sunday School 81
Sunday Worship 119

HOPE IS HERE

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

The Pastor Appreciation social last night was such a blessing to Cindy and me. As we looked around at all of the tables (most of them were full), we were reminded of the great love of Jesus Christ. The verse in 1 Peter 2 came to my mind this morning as I sit to write this week's newsletter.

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We are a chosen group of believers whom God has assembled together at White Oak Hill FWB Church. Each of us has a unique story of grace. But all of us choose to worship our great God together. And it is an honor to be your pastor. A privilege to call you friends and family. May the Lord continue to use our family for His glory.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

So many announcements this past Sunday. Please allow me to say a few words for those of you who may have missed some of them.



We launched our Operation Christmas Child Campaign Sunday. We certainly appreciate Nancy Brantley and all of her efforts to ensure the children around the world receive a blessing. Please remember to place \$10 in the shoebox to assist Samaritan's Purse with the cost.



The FLOATING bridal shower for Ms. Lauren Bissette (soon to be Mrs. Salvador Guzman) will be this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. A copy of the invitation is included.



Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on October 29th from 3-6:00 p.m. This event requires a great deal of planning and a large number of volunteers. Please consider signing up to help with the games or the food preparation. We need your help! A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. The W.A.C. is sponsoring a cake auction for the W.A.C. state missionaries. I remember Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Shirley Dew outbidding me last year. Yep-time to go again!



Instead of a door-to-door canvassing in our outreach endeavors; let's try something new. Our Saturday morning outreach doesn't seem to be very effective. I will put a list of names of inactive members and new families in the area. Would you consider taking a Harvest festival/Homecoming flyer to a family that is on the list?



A security team meeting is scheduled for October 12th. If you currently serve on the security team or are interested in serving; please be at this meeting. Major Steve Stroud of the Wilson Police Dept. will be facilitating the event. Thank you, Major Steve.



Mission Sundays in October



This Sunday morning John Groenveld and his family will be with us. They aren't strangers to White Oak Hill. John and his family serve the Lord in Togo, West Africa. They are medical missionaries, and the Lord is using them in a powerful way in a very dark region of the world.

We have called October 30th Project Hickory Day! Of course, we love the Huff and Smith families. Our church already has this mission work in the church budget. But they are still trying to raise the financial support needed to plant a church in Hickory, NC. Would you pray for these families and ask the Lord how you can help them?



Of course, we find ourselves in an election year. I would like to encourage you to do several of the following things.

1. Pray for America and pray for how to vote.
2. Make sure you are registered to vote. NC Voter Applications are in the foyer. I will be glad to help anyone who needs assistance.
3. Research the candidates on the ballot. The ballot changes depending on the county of residence. What is their position on Biblical issues (i.e., abortion, LGBT, etc.)?
4. Schedule time to vote on November 8th.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke



Let me close the newsletter with a word of thanks. Many of you are so faithful in your tithes and offerings. Inflation is at the highest mark seen in my lifetime (and that's a very long time). Many of you are on a fixed income. Yet, you remain faithful to the Lord!! Thank you for putting the Lord first in your budget. You are making an eternal difference for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



Listed below are our prayer updates:

1. **Kay Dew**-Kay still needs our encouragement and prayers as he battle cancer.
2. **Gregg Wall**- Your prayers are working. He is doing much better.
3. **Shirley Dew**-Ms. Shirley is doing much better. It's so good to see her in church again. Please continue to pray for her and Bro. Bobby.
4. **Patricia & Gene Register**-Please pray for her as she continues her dialysis treatment and is waiting for a kidney transplant. Gene's surgery went well, and he is home recovering.
5. **Tim Riggs**-Please pray for our former pastor. His kidneys are not working, and he is undergoing dialysis.
6. **Debra Pierce**- In Wilson Hospital to remove her gall bladder.
7. **Sue Bisette**- Ms. Sue has taken a turn for the worse. Her sciatic nerve is giving her a fit. Please pray for pain management and a full recovery.
8. **Melisa Belcher**-Her health in improving. But she still needs prayer.
9. **Bonnie Hayes**-This is Glenda and Christi's aunt. God has been so good to Ms. Bonnie. She is still at WilMed Rehab receiving physical therapy.
10. **Billy John Dew**- We need to cover Billy John in prayer. The cancer is in his body. But we know our God can still heal him.
11. **Bailey Christian Childcare**
12. **Glenda Carroll**-Please pray for Glenda. She went to cardiologist yesterday and waiting for results.
13. **Charles Sherrod**-Bro. Charles is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers. He is still recovering from the knee surgery.
14. **Elizabeth Deans**- She is experiencing severe back pain. Please pray for wisdom and direction to follow the right treatment plan.
15. **Harold Brantley**-Brother Harold had surgery to repair the broken bone. Then he spent a few weeks in rehabilitation. Now he is home and doing much better. Thank-you for your prayers!
16. **Judith Grant**-Let's pray for our dear sister. I can't go into details, but she needs a special touch of the Master's hand for something that has physically plagued her all year

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/WHITEO-AKHILL>

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.



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

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022

WHY BE AN ETEAM LEADER?

One of the greatest programs of IM is ETEAM. Our website says **"ETEAM is a life-changing, short-term summer missions experience for students."** As missionaries in France, we received ETEAMs for years. Since June of 2014, we have been Stateside. During this time, we have taken seven teams (60 students) back to France. This has been an incredible blessing and responsibility. For three weeks, you are these students' guardians, parents, youth leader, and pastor.

ETEAM begins months beforehand, as we pray for and communicate with those assigned to us. The week before the trip is spent together with all ETEAMs and ETEAM leaders, as they learn about cross-cultural ministry, team building, introduction to a foreign language, face painting, balloon ministry, set list of songs, prayer, and worship together—the week is full.

Why do Barb and I do this? We start **praying** the day we get the names of our students that God would prepare their hearts for the trip. The terrific group you see here had anchored themselves in our hearts before we ever met them. Then we **watch and wait** as God breaks their hearts and the connection is made, when they understand that the French people, for the most part, are lost, without Jesus and without hope. Back in the States, they have a final **debriefing** of their trip with one of the IM directors. One year, Barb and I had seen no visible sign of anything happening in the hearts of our team members. Then they were asked, "Describe your ETEAM experience in France in one sentence." A long uncomfortable silence followed, and then the tears started to flow.



Here were their answers: *gave me hope but broke my heart... exciting but heart-breaking...made me thankful but feel spoiled...realized the need for missions... put reality to my passion...the need is great, I have a lot more to offer...sitting around doesn't cut it.*



Not a word about sightseeing, but about people they had fallen in love with who need Christ. Out of the 60 students we have taken to France, 13 have felt God speaking to their hearts about missions, while some are already back as missionaries.

That is why we do ETEAM! We thank you for supporting us and praying for us, as we have the privilege to lead these young people in this life-changing experience as part of our ministry.

If you are interested in serving as an ETEAM Leader for 2023, visit bit.ly/GOETEAM.

After decades of overseas service in France as IM Missionaries, Jerry and Barbara Gibbs transitioned to the States in 2014. They continue serving with IM as development associates.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Steve & Becky Riggs have been serving in the country of **France** for 38 years. They have four children and two grandchildren.



After helping to start churches in Lorient and Nantes, the Riggses are presently helping to start a church in the relatively small town of Châteaubriant. The church recently was able to purchase and renovate a place to worship in a highly visible section of town. To the best of the Riggs' knowledge, it is the first time Protestants have owned a church building in Châteaubriant in nearly 500 years. Pray the church will be strengthened and continue to grow and be a witness for the Gospel in this area of France.

STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Seven IM missionaries have been announced as fully funded so far this year. Praise God! **Eight** additional missionaries are currently on Stateside Assignment raising funds and prayer support. Opportunities to meet and speak with churches and organizations are greatly appreciated. These 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.



**WE EXIST to
LABOR with the
BODY OF CHRIST
to FULFILL the
GREAT COMMISSION**

PRAYER FOCUS

- ▶ Pray for the countries of India and Pakistan that have been experiencing heavy rains and unprecedented flooding. Millions have been affected, and our partners are working to bring relief.
- ▶ Pray for the hundreds of students who are studying in Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges where IM is partnering to help provide needed pastors and other workers for local churches.
- ▶ Pray for the church planters in our partnerships who are evangelizing and discipling new believers in places where there is no other gospel witness.
- ▶ Pray for pastors and other believers who face daily discrimination and persecution because of their faith in some of the areas where our partners work, especially in South Asia.

STUDENT MISSIONS BACK IN ACTION

This past summer, 2022, was the first "normal" summer we have seen in a while for student missions. We were able to send out nearly 100 students to ten different fields! Through ETEAM, College Missions Program (CMP), and Overseas Apprenticeship (OA), we saw students of all ages experience for the very first time what the Lord is doing around the world. We wish everyone could hear the stories the students came back with and see

the impact these opportunities had both on their lives and, hopefully, the eternal impact our students made on their different fields. We hope to help well over 100 students to go next year and we would love for YOU to be a part! CMP has opportunities to work on eleven different fields this summer and we have spots for 28 people. Are YOU going to be one of them? Applications are due by October 15th!

ETEAM 2023

We are so excited for the upcoming year as students and leaders like YOU travel the world to share the Gospel through ETEAM! Experience missionary life, make lifelong friendships, gain cross-cultural experience, serve internationally, and discover YOUR role in the Great Commission through ETEAM. Student and leader applications are due by October 15, 2022. Scan the QR code above to learn more or visit us online at bit.ly/GOETEAM



GO GLOBAL EVENTS

Go Global is a missions workshop where attendees are invited to see why and how IM operates, to understand the different goals and objectives of the mission, and see how we all fit into God's global purpose. There are many Go Global events coming up in the fall throughout the Southeast (North Carolina and Alabama). For specific dates and more information about the Go Global workshop events, visit our website at www.iminc.org/go-global



FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

The Price girls, **Madeleine and Emilie**, started 8th grade on August 8th.



Oliver, Scarlet, and Hazel Bishop (below) started back at a Japanese public school, while **Felix and Arthur** began attending a Japanese preschool.



Olivia Ana-Claire Chereau Suárez was born on August 12 to parents Jonathan and Michelle!



Caroline Mann, daughter of Donnie and Ruth McDonald, recently passed her NCLEX examination and is now an official RN working full-time for the Vanderbilt Medical Center Burn Unit in downtown Nashville. Pictured above: Caroline at the Vanderbilt Medical Center Helipad for part of her training.



The **Duncan children, Caleb (16) and Moriah (14)** finished 4.5 months of Spanish language school in Ecuador this July. (They finished at a B1 level). They are pictured here with one of their professors.



The Driscolls will return to the States at the end of September to seek funds and support.

Shane, serving with The Hanna Project in Southern France, recently had a reunion with the Legacy of Praise Quartet, which has ministered in many FWB churches in Cuba, Ivory Coast, Panama, and Kazakhstan since 1998.



Tyler and Kellie Penn look forward to meeting new international students at the start of the school year at the University of Illinois. **Mason Penn** will be a senior, **Millie** will be a junior, and **Madden** is entering the 7th grade.



Abby Torrison started the 6th grade, while **Melanie Torrison** started the 8th grade.

