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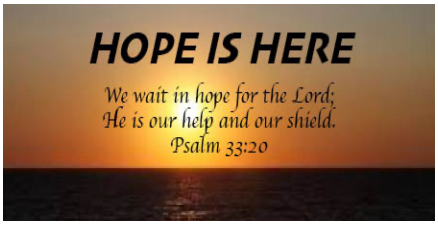
From Pastor Hal



Church Attendance

November 22th
Tuesday Night 73
November 27th
Sunday School 82
Sunday Worship 130

I hope that each of you enjoyed a great Thanksgiving holiday. God is so good! During the Thanksgiving holiday, we were able to meet with a wonderful young couple who are thinking about joining the team at White Oak Hill. They currently serve in Florida. It was a great meeting. However, we are still praying for the Lord's will concerning their future and our ministry. We hope to give you more details very soon! The Leadership Team will meet Tuesday evening to discuss bringing them back to White Oak so everyone can meet them.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in putting up the Christmas decorations at the church. Over 20 members were here to make the church more festive. Who knew Michelle Beamon was such a good tree decorator? Thank you, Michelle! Thank you, Charles Pierce, for your electrical and ladder-climbing skills. There were so many hands at work, and it was such fun!! Merry Christmas everybody!

This week we will continue the decorations on Wednesday night with our "Hanging of the Greens " service. These final decorations in the sanctuary will be placed as we worship the Lord during the midweek service. Let me encourage all our members to come as we kick off the Christmas season together.

May I update you on a few missionaries? We took up a special offering for Brother Reuben Cason (Promotional Director). Thank you for your generous contributions to the state work. A total of $758.00 was collected and sent to the Promo. Office. Wow! We have such a giving church.

On Wednesday, the 14th of December, Neil Manning will be giving a report. Brother Neal serves with Trans World Radio. T.W.R. is a ministry dedicated to sharing the gospel all over the world through the radio. Neal is one of our missionaries and we look forward to the update he will bring to the church.

"Two Big Events This Week"

The seniors in the church will be going to the Meadows Restaurant and lights. We are going to have a great time! Please don't forget the bus will leave the church at 3:30 p.m.

Also, Krystal and Bryant Douglass will be having their floating baby shower this Sunday from 2-4 p.m. They are registered at Target and Amazon. The baby shower will be in the former sanctuary.

After the board meeting this week, I can better plan our December business meeting for the church. We will be discussing the childcare, church workers, the 2023 budget, and much more. It's an exciting time of year and I look forward to sharing the vision for 2023.

Most of you know Ms. Glenda Carroll has resigned as of the end of December; however, she has gracefully agreed to continue until the position has been filled. She has so much on her plate. Many of you know she is struggling with major health issues along with helping her dad in his battle with cancer. Please pray for this sweet lady and her family as they travail the storms of life. Please let the pastor know if you know anyone who may be interested in serving the Lord in a full-time capacity. Thank you!

Listed below are our prayer updates:

- Kay Dew- Please continue to pray for our dear brother as he recovers from surgery and battles cancer.
- Gregg Wall- Let's continue to pray for Gregg. He is back at work but still needs our prayers for a complete recovery.
- Patricia Register-Ms. Pat continues to need our prayers as she battles poor health.
- Tim Riggs-Please pray for our former pastor. His kidneys are not working, and he is undergoing dialysis.
- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is much better. Thank you for your prayers. But let's continue to pray until she is completely healthy.
- Bonnie Hayes-This is Glenda and Christy's aunt. God has been so good to Ms. Bonnie. She is home and doing really well.
- Billy John Dew- Let's keep praying! He is not feeling well.
- Bailey Christian Childcare
- Sheryl Nelson Family-Please continue to pray for the Nelson family. They have experienced a lot of death over the last several months.
- Dottie Massey- Ms. Dottie is getting better, but it's a slow recovery process.
- Lucille Beasley-Ms. Beasley is having some health problems.
- Joyce Joyner-Ms. Joyce has shingles and is in a lot of pain!
- Barbara Lamm Family-Ms. Barbara's brother passed away this past week.
- Ronnie Hill-Ronnie has COPD and a bad case of the flu. He is currently in Wilson Memorial Hospital on a ventilator.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20

It's time to prepare for another great White Oak Hill Basketball league. Brother Glen Dew and Brother Charles Price are the directors for the league. The basketball fun will start in February 2023. If any male 15 years old or older is interested, please contact Charles Price at:
charlesprice73@embarqmail.com or (252) 205-4335

WHITE OAK HILL
CHOIR PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS CHANGES EVERYTHING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
10:30 AM

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.

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

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2022

LOOKING BACK ON 2022 WITH THANKSGIVING

Just over a month ago the IM leadership team went offsite to spend time in prayer, discussion, and strategic planning for the coming year. We call this our Labor Camp. It is one of my favorite times of the year. We start each day with a time of concentrated prayer because during these days we are seeking God's direction, nothing more, nothing less.

On the second day of our meeting, the prayer focus was on God's blessings in our lives. Each person was asked to share five blessings...then five more...then five more. In that time of prayer, we listed over 100 blessings! We could have easily gone on and on "counting our blessings and naming them one by one."

We have so much to be thankful for at IM. Time, space, and words are insufficient for us to share all that we could give thanks to God. There are several that quickly come to mind.

- **NEW MISSIONARIES:** We are amazingly blessed to have dedicated, both young and middle-aged people, who want to serve as IM missionaries. Our prayer is God will call many more who are willing to "drop their nets" and follow Him wherever He may lead. We are eternally **thankful** to God for calling laborers and for their positive response to serve.
- **NATIONAL BELIEVERS:** According to our 2021 field statistics there are over 42,000 Free Will Baptists (FWB) meeting every Sunday outside of North America. That is 27% of all FWBs who are non-westerners. I dream of a day when that number will exceed 50%. Also, at present, thirteen of our IM missionaries are foreign-born. Several are the fruit of FWB missionary ministries. We are truly **thankful** for these blessings from God.
- **CONVERSIONS AND BAPTISMS:** It's not all about the numbers, but we should give resounding thanks for God's harvest that He has allowed our missionaries and national believers to reap. Last year there were 1,628 conversions and 2,130 baptisms reported from the fields where IM missionaries or partners are ministering. We give **thanks** for this harvest and pray for many more.
- **FWB CHURCHES:** Our voices are raised in **thanksgiving** for the support FWB churches have provided for IM missionaries and ministries. It was remarkable that even during COVID, new missionaries acquired their needed funds from the FWB churches. How? Simply stated, this happened because FWB people believe in the Great Commission. We are **thankful** that FWB people share this vision and show it through faithful support for IM.

Clint Morgan, IM General Director

I could present many more reasons to be thankful. But I think you get the picture. Please join with us in GIVING THANKS for all God is doing in, through, and with Free Will Baptists.

Clint and his wife Lynette, daughter of pioneer medical missionaries Dr. LaVerne and Lorene Miley, served with excellence in Côte d'Ivoire (1976-2005). The couple spent two terms in evangelism and church planting before helping initiate and establish a Bible institute for training Ivorian leaders. The Morgans also served in France from 2007 to 2011. Clint was selected as General Director of IM in 2011. Clint and Lynette have four children—Trey, Adam, Aaron, and Autumn—and seven grandchildren.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

THE CHEREAUS, FRANCE

Jonathan and Michelle Chereau were appointed in 2019 as missionaries to **France.** They have three children: Zoe, Ainhoa (pronounced 'I-KNOW-ah'), and Olivia. The Chereaus share, "After some time praying, we felt God was calling us to serve at the church in Saint-Sébastien, France, where Robert and Judy Bryan retired. We are located in the greater Nantes area of Britanny. We are so thankful that the Lord is doing great things in our little church. We have had three baptisms of young people who were 'seeking for something else' and, together with our brothers and sisters from our church, we are willing to be the salt and light to testify about the One who has given His life for all of us. Please continue to pray for this church, for our outreach event 'Connexion Kidz' where we meet non-Christians, and for our ministry in France." The Chereaus are returning for their Stateside Assignment to seek career status from the IM Board, for Jonathan to attend Randall University, and to raise funds and support to return to France.

STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Ten IM missionaries have been announced as fully funded so far this year. Praise God! Currently, **seven** additional missionaries are 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.

LEARN ABOUT AND SUPPORT THE 2023 ETEAM AND CMP STUDENTS

By the end of this year, ETEAM and College Missions Program student selections will be made for 2023 opportunities. Check out the IM website to view each student's profile and hear about their individual trip locations. You can learn about their upcoming ministry opportunities and how you can support these students as they discover their roles in the Great Commission. Scan the QR code or visit the link: https://iminc.org/go/student-missions/

PRAYER FOCUS

- We give thanks for our WMO supporters who have helped us reach $482,015 of our $1 million goal this year! Stay tuned as we release the 2023 WMO theme soon.
- We give thanks for the many recent salvation stories and baptisms on several of our fields.

MISSIONARIES SEEK STATUS UPDATES AT BOARD MEETING

The annual IM Board Meeting will take place on December 6-7, 2022. Please pray for the candidates who will go before the Board seeking to be approved as IM missionaries. Please also pray for current IM missionaries who are seeking career status approval.

IM GIVES THANKS TO SUPPORTERS

In the month of November, IM is doing a special focus on Giving Thanks to our supporters as we reflect on all God has done through IM in 2022. Whether you gave financially, prayed, went on a short-term trip, or sent a student on a mission trip, thank you for your part in IMpacting the world with the Gospel.

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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.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THESE FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

As the **Edgmons** celebrate 24 years on the field in Spain, they are also excited for **Marc Edgmon** who started attending Welch College in the fall. We give thanks for all God has done through them and their ministry.

We give thanks that **Carter Ketteman** accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized at Hope Alive Church in Japan!

We give thanks for the recent opportunity for **IM missionary kids** to participate in the Welch Missions Conference by singing and reading Scripture in several languages.

We give thanks for the many IM missionaries who gathered recently in Hokkaido, Japan, for the **Japan FWB National Association** meetings (pictured above). The Kettemans shared, "We met many Japanese pillars in our denomination, heard challenging messages, made new friends, ate yummy food, and honored the McDonalds for their decades of faithful service!"

We give thanks that **Daniel & Shelby Culwell, Shannon Little,** and **Emily Petty** all raised the needed funds and support to leave for the field in Japan.

We give thanks that **Amy Postlewaite** (above) was able to "help our Child Evangelism Fellowship (C.E.F.) partner with Good News Clubs at both a church and a children's home not far from our church in Pleven. We are praying about the possibility of taking over the club at this children's home in the near future. The Lord is doing amazing things in the hearts of children throughout Bulgaria through the ministry of CEF. What a blessing it is for us to get to partner with them."

We give thanks for the birth of **Daisy Bishop,** the newest addition to the Bishops, IM missionary family in Japan!

We give thanks for **the McDonalds'** (below) recent transition to the States after 38 years as IM Missionaries in Japan. Pray for their upcoming change in roles for their ministry in the States.