



From  
Pastor Hal



THANK  
YOU!



Church Attendance

December 14th

Wednesday Night 82

December 18th

Sunday School 89

Sunday Worship 170

**HOPE IS HERE**

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

Let me start by thanking you for your generous gift this past weekend. Jonathan and I received a check for over \$500 because you were so generous to us. Thank you for your love and your kindness to both of us.



Christmas is only four days away. Wow! How exciting. Looking back over the last few days we were reminded by the choir that Christmas changes everything. The proof of God's love in the stable did change everything. And at Christmas time we are constantly reminded Jesus is the reason for the season. This morning I came across a social media post of something by Priscilla Shirer. Shen was thinking about the phrase "God gives and God takes away." Mary (the mother of Jesus) certainly would have felt the emotional high as she held Immanuel. But imagine the emotional low as she said goodbye at Calvary. This Christmas God may not give us everything we desire. But God has given us all we need in His precious Son. As we read the events of that first Christmas, we can echo it has changed everything for all followers of Christ. The peace, the joy, the family, and our eternal home have all changed. And as we say "Happy Birthday Jesus"; may we offer Him our gratitude for the most precious gift of all-the gift of His Son. A gift that will never be taken away.



Fellowship Meal

What a turnout! It was exciting to see so many people at the soup and sandwich social this past Sunday evening. There was enough food to serve at least five more churches. We also celebrated Christy Bryant's 50th birthday with a big sheet cake. It was so much fun! Hopefully, everyone who came to the social was able to spend a few minutes with Tyler, Alexandra, and little Everett. They, along with their parents, joined us for the fellowship. Let's pray for this dear couple and for the Lord to guide us in our decision to bring them to White Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Please don't forget we will have a business meeting on January 8 after the Sunday morning service for the church's decision regarding the Jefferis family.



Tuesday morning, I was able to attend the Faith Christian Academy Christmas program. The title of the program was "Peanut Butter Christmas". At the beginning of the program, it was such a joy to hear the 9th-grade class recite the 1st chapter of James. ALL 27 VERSES! Then the elementary-age children brought the Peanut Butter Christmas story to life. The Carpenter family was the center of attention. They traveled a long way in heavy snow to spend Christmas with their grandparents. The night before Christmas they were in a hotel room eagerly waiting to eat grandma's cooking the next day. However, heavy snow on Christmas didn't allow any road traffic so they were stuck in the hotel room. When they went to the car, they found it had been vandalized and all the Christmas gifts were stolen. But that Christmas turned out to be the best. Because all that remained was a loaf of bread, a jar of peanut butter, each other, and Jesus. The Carpenter children's attention was redirected from the presents and grandma's cooking to what was most important. Jesus and each other. Isn't it wonderful to know we can have a very Merry Christmas without having lots of presents or a table full of food? We have Jesus and we have each other. Thank the Lord for both. And if all we happen to have this Christmas is a jar of peanut butter -that's ok!

# REMINDER

Some reminders for you this week:

The 2023 Daily Bible reading calendar is in the church foyer. I commend all of you who use this calendar for your daily Bible reading. We only have 3 more books to read, and we can say we read the Bible through in 2022.

Your new 2023 offering envelopes are in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lord's work in 2022. Anyone who didn't get their Christmas cards this past weekend can pick up their cards in the church foyer. Ms. Glenda placed them on the tables for your convenience.

We have a business meeting scheduled for December 28th. The teachers and officers list, the minutes from the last meeting, the budget proposals, and the recommendations from the leadership team are all in the church foyer. Let me encourage you to get a copy and pray for the Lord's direction. Thank-you.



On Sunday, January 1st we will get together at 5:00 to take down the Christmas decorations. The church will serve pizza and soda at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to everyone who put the decorations up in the church. They are such a blessing! But let's take them down on January 1 and get ready for a great year. If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you could take them home any time after the Christmas service. Thank you for helping us to remember and honor what is close to your heart.



Listed below are our prayer needs this week.

- Kay Dew- Please continue to pray for our dear brother as he battles cancer. The chemotherapy isn't working to reduce the size of the cancer. The doctors are going to try something different.
- Gregg Wall- Let's continue to pray for Gregg. He is back at work, but he not 100% healed.
- 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.
- Billy John Dew- Let's keep praying! His hemoglobin count is very low. As a result, he has no energy.
- Bailey Christian Childcare
- Sheryl Nelson Family- Please continue to pray for the Nelson family. They are still trying to find their footing after losing so many in the family this year.
- Dottie Massey- Ms. Dottie is getting better, but it's a slow recovery process.
- Lucille Beasley- Ms. Beasley is having some health problems.
- Joyce Batchelor- She is not feeling well.
- Ronnie Hill- Ronnie is still in Wilson Medical Center but is improving.

Love in Christ,

*Rev. Hal W. Jones III*

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



Celebrate  
*Christ*  
with us this  
Christmas!

*Pastor Hal Jones*

-2022-



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

## 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

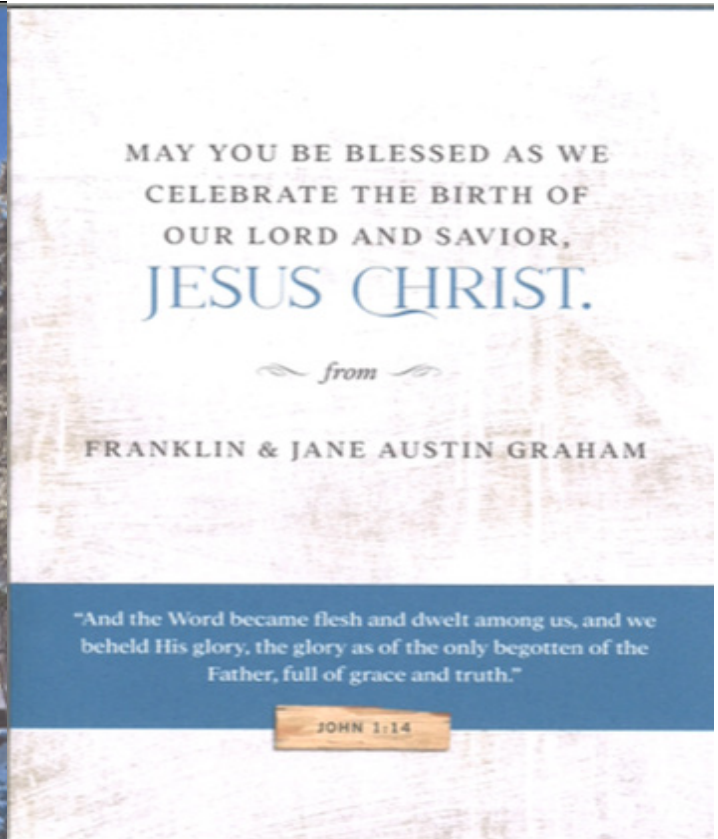
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# MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



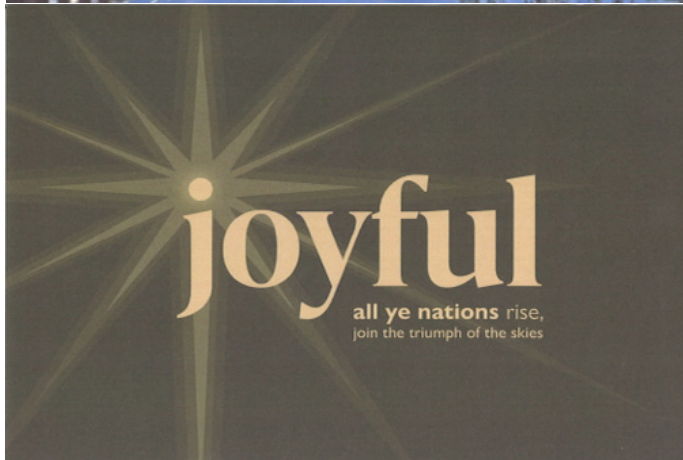
MAY YOU BE BLESSED AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF  
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR,  
JESUS CHRIST.

from

FRANKLIN & JANE AUSTIN GRAHAM

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

JOHN 1:14



joyful

all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies



Merry Christmas,  
Neal and Myra Manning!

May you be encouraged with the hope of Christ  
as you proclaim his good news of salvation  
through your service to others.



Merry Christmas  
from Bulgaria, Ken & Jayne Cash