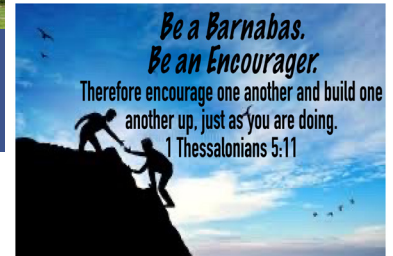




From Pastor Hal



A London newspaper asked the question, "Which is the shortest way to London?" The best answer would get a substantial amount of money. The answer which won the prize was, "The shortest way to London is good company." All travelers know how true that answer is. Good company shortens any journey, no matter how long. Miles are rapidly crossed, time flies, and the end of the journey is reached very quickly. The same is true in life. Our journey is made much easier when Jesus Christ is our traveling companion. Let me encourage you to be faithful to the services. Great fellowship will sweeten the trip on the way to our Heavenly home.



It's a great time of year for all the basketball fans in the church. March Madness kicks off this Thursday at noon. Many of our members are Duke (#5 seed) and N.C. State (#11 seed) fans. Who knows how far they will go in the tournament? But we all have a chance to predict their future. The White Oak Hill Brackets are in the foyer. Of course, you can print your own brackets. But all the entries have to be turned into the office by Thursday at noon. The winner (and their spouse) of this year's tournament will get lunch or dinner with the pastor and Ms. Cindy at a restaurant of the winner's choosing. Get your pens ready and let's have some fun!

GUEST SPEAKER

Please pray for the pastor and Ms. Cindy as they travel out of town this weekend. They will be going to Chesapeake, Va. to attend a wedding. Rev. Howard Bass will be preaching this weekend at White Oak. Preacher Bass retired from the Gateway Free Will Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. I have known him for over thirty years and he is an excellent preacher. Let me encourage you to be in the services this weekend to receive a blessing.

While we are on the subject of guest speakers; Stephen Arnold will be presenting the work of Chosen Ministries. He is visiting the church on March 22nd. The church currently supports this missionary, and he would like to give us an update on his ministry of sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people.



The Women Active For Christ will have their Randall District Association Meeting at the Corinth Church in Dunn N.C. on March 25th. Please be at the church at 8:00 a.m. if you are interested in attending the meeting and would like to ride with some other ladies. Mrs. Melisa Belcher will be glad to give you more information if you are interested in attending.



The church has scheduled a Baby Dedication service for March 26th. I love these special days. Parents will bring their babies to the platform and dedicate their children to the Lord. Baby Dedication Day is always a special day! The families involved remember it for a lifetime. And it is such a sweet service for the church.



The Sonshine Club will resume its monthly meetings on April 1st at 5 p.m. The Johnsons will be out of town and can't serve this time. However, Parkers' Barbeque is open!! We will call on our old friends on HWY 301 to bring us some fried Chicken and Barbeque. Everyone over 50 is invited to join us for a great meal and great fellowship. But would you help us plan? There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer for the meeting. Please sign-up so we will know you are attending the meeting. It helps us order the right amount of food and set up the right number of tables. We will be passing the plate and asking for a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of the meal. Thank you in advance for your help.



Easter is so close! It's less than 4 weeks away. And we have a lot to do to prepare for Resurrection Day. This year we will host an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children up to the 6th grade after the service. The music has already been scheduled and is going to be "off the chart" good. And this year we will serve some hotdogs after the service. Don't worry, they will be Brightleaf Hot Dogs. A few beef hot dogs might be cooked for those with weird taste buds. (Like myself-lol). We do need your help with Easter preparations.

- Would you mind donating a bag of candy for the Easter Eggs?
- And would you invite all your friends and neighbors to the service?
- Lastly, would you pray every day for souls to be saved on this special day?

Thank you in advance for all of your help.



Listed below are our prayer needs this week.

- Kay Dew- Brother Kay was rushed to the hospital this Tuesday. He has a blood clot in his lungs. He is in Room 516.
- Gregg Wall- Gregg is doing great! He even had an answer to prayer in his work schedule. Let's continue to pray as the Lord moves to heal our dear brother.
- Patricia & Gene Register- Ms. Pat continues to need our prayers as she receives dialysis. She also will be having surgery on her arm, and Mr. Gene will be having surgery on his feet.
- Tim Riggs- Please pray for our former pastor. His

kidneys are not working, and he needs a kidney transplant.

- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is much better. Thank you for your prayers. But let's continue to pray until she is completely healthy. She is still getting severe migraines.
- Brenda Dawes- She is recovering from bypass surgery. Please pray for her and the family.
- Billy John Dew- Let's keep praying! His hemoglobin count is very low. As a result, he has no energy.
- Bailey Christian Childcare
- Glenda Carroll- Please pray for Glenda. The tumor seems to be stable, but she needs our prayers. Let's ask God to heal her and remove the brain tumor from her body. She has MRI scheduled for August 11th.
- Teresa Medlin- She is doing much better but is still trying to regain her strength.
- Dottie Massey- Ms. Dottie is doing better. But she still is weak and trying to regain her strength.
- Earlene Pitts- Many of you know she has been struggling with Parkinson's disease for years. She is having a very difficult time. Please pray for Brother Gene and Ms. Earlene as they navigate this season of life.
- Joyce Batchelor- She is continuing to improve but still needs our prayers.
- Vickie Worrell- She is having some complications with her heart and is being monitored for the next few weeks.
- Grace Fullerton- Bonnie Joyner's granddaughter is having some serious medical issues and the doctors are trying to diagnose the problem.
- Faye Bottom- This is Dottie Massey's cousin and Dottie asked us to pray for her.
- Bobby Dew- Brother Bobby has another fainting spell this week. And he also needs emergency surgery on his eye.



*Thank you for your prayers for our daughter, Hannah Jones. She delivered our fifth grandson last week. Knox Shepherd Gaynor came into the world weighing 7lbs. 9 oz. He was 21.5 inches long. God is so good!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



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Dear Friends,

After the Shabbat meal on Friday night, everyone settled down in the lounge area of Zula to hang out. Chen,* one of our Israeli guests, began sharing with me (Jenna) about her life and beliefs. The conversation turned to prayer, and she told me that women within Judaism don't often pray because it is normally the men who pray and typically only from the Siddur (the prayer book). After inquiring about her observations, she asked me if and how I pray. The Lord prompted me to share with her that I come directly to Him in prayer because of Jesus and that He is my Abba (meaning "father" in Hebrew). The next day the Lord would give me an opportunity to display this type of prayer life to her boyfriend.



As we all went to bed that evening, the Zula lost access to water. We had eight guests, four volunteers, ourselves, and the owners of the property in need of running water. I'm sure you could imagine the panic we felt over having so many people and no water. Shabbat was spent trying to rectify this problem and informing our guests that they would likely not be able to take showers until the following day. During this chaos, I felt the Lord prompting me to stop and pray. I invited the people who were standing with me in that moment to join me in asking our Father to provide water and a solution to the problem. Stephen, the volunteers, and Eli* (Chen's boyfriend) joined me to pray.

The water was eventually restored, and everyone was able to shower. I only assume that Chen and Eli shared these moments with each other, and I'm trusting God to use this experience to draw them to Himself. Please join me in praying that they saw our faith on display and that they would come to believe that God wants a relationship with them where they too can pray to Him as their Abba. Pray that they would come to know their Messiah and the God of Israel.

"Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me" (Psalm 66:20).

In Messiah,

The Arnolds



We are now accepting candy donations for Easter Sunday Egg Hunt after the Morning Worship Service.



Church Attendance

March 8th

Wednesday Night 88

March 12th

Sunday School 77

Sunday Worship 138

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

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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