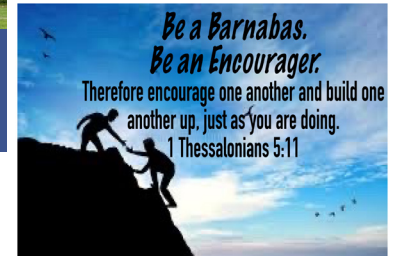




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This past weekend the church family enjoyed a wonderful Memorial Day service. The choir special was amazing, and the patriotic spirit filled the sanctuary. Thank you Cassie Wall for recording the Taps. Of course, as we remember the sacrifices for our nation, there is no sacrifice as great as our Savior's at Calvary. Thank you Jesus for your mercy and grace.

Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

Here are two real-life stories that hopefully will bless your hearts.

STORY NUMBER ONE - Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was his lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything: clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't pass on to his son: a good name and a good example. One day, Eddie reached a difficult decision. Eddie wanted to rectify the wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against the Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he would ever pay.

STORY NUMBER TWO - World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese aircraft were speeding their way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now-broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had in fact destroyed five enemy aircraft.

This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action, Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2. SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER? Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.*

*Story from Rich Anderson



This weekend the Sonshine Club will meet in the Family Life Center at 5:00 p.m. So far, 20 people have signed up to attend. I keep forgetting to announce it during the service, but we really do need to know how many plates to prepare. Please call the church office or sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Of course, if you are a senior and aren't physically able to make the meeting, we will be glad to prepare a plate and bring it to your house. We love you and miss you.



The N.C. State Meeting will convene in Greensboro next week. I will be traveling to Greensboro this Sunday afternoon and coming back into town Tuesday, June 6th. Please pray for my safety and the safety of all those who will be traveling to the meeting. Let's also pray for the preachers this year. Brother Reuben Cason is preaching Monday evening. Wouldn't it be great if our church family was praying at 7:00 p.m. while this wonderful man of God brings the message God has laid on his heart?



We are excited to let the church know that Bailey Christian Childcare will open its doors for summer camp next week. The first day of camp will be June 5th. Campers may come Monday-Friday each morning from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. The cost for each camper will be \$85 per week. Please let the community know the camp will be open soon. You can contact the church office for more information and the registration forms.



Thank the Lord for the members who sponsored a camper last week. We still need some financial help in this area. Are you able to sponsor a child for summer camp? The total cost for summer camp is \$388 per camper. However, the church is only charging each camper \$150. We have 16 campers and 3 sponsors that will be going to camp this summer. So far we have raised \$1,682.00 through the basketball concessions stand. Our young people will also be:

Hosting a car wash at the church on June 17th. Bring your dirty car and let the youth at White Oak make it shine. There is no charge for the car wash. Donations will be accepted to help the kids.

The Johnsons are preparing Pulled Pork BBQ to sell for the propel/teen camp. We are currently taking orders, and the Pulled Pork BBQ will be distributed on June 17th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Barbeque is \$10 a pound. There is a signup sheet in the foyer. Please pay in advance.

The church is also asking for volunteers to make treats to sell at the car wash. Would you consider baking cookies, cupcakes, etc. to be sold on June 17th? Every little bit helps get the kids to camp. Thank you!

Our goal is to raise \$2000 to offset the cost of junior and teen camp. Thank you in advance for your help.



The church will be hosting a Water Play Day for the Pre-pel-age children. The event will take place on June 10th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please let Jonathan know your kids are coming to the party by signing the sheet in the foyer.



The church has scheduled a business meeting for June 7th. We need to discuss some ideas for additional security for the church. There are two primary suggestions for enhanced safety.

- The Leadership Team would like to expand our current fire alarm system to cover the older part of the church building.
- And the team would also like to install cameras for security. These cameras would be placed in strategic locations to help protect our church family.



Our prayer needs this week are...

Listed below is our prayer list for this week.

- Kay Dew- Brother Kay continues to need our prayers as he battles cancer.
- Patricia Register-Ms. Pat continues to need our prayers as she receives dialysis.
- Tim Riggs-Please pray for our former pastor. His kidneys are not working, and he needs a kidney transplant.
- Halie Braswell- She has been diagnosed with Nutcracker Syndrome. She will be going to Duke to see a specialist at the end of June. She will also have an ultrasound of the pancreas, gall bladder, and liver on Friday, June 2nd in Wilson Imaging.
- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is struggling this week. Let's continue to lift her up to Jesus for complete healing.
- Fred Dawes-Please pray for Bro. Fred as he continues his race for the Lord without his bride of 56 years.
- Billy John Dew- Let's keep praying! His hemoglobin count is very low, and he is struggling to walk.
- 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 goes back to UNC for MRI on August 11th.
- Teresa Medlin-Ms. Teresa had a setback over the week-

end. Please pray for her to take the right amount of medicine. And pray for her to recover from a bladder infection.

- Dottie Massey- Ms. Dottie is doing better. Thank you for the prayers.
- Earlene Pitts-Many of you knows 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-Ms. Joyce is home and doing better. But she still needs our prayers as she recovers from heart disease.
- Ann Landin-She is home and still recovering from her fall.
- Christy Bryant- Let's pray for complete healing so this woman of God may continue to serve the Lord in such a selfless manner.
- Faye Bottom-This is Dottie Massey's cousin and Dottie asked us to pray for her.
- Bobby Dew-Brother Bobby has a blood clot in one eye and has lost his vision in that eye. Specifically pray the shots he receives for the treatment of his eye will be effective.
- Geraldine Tuck-Ms. Geraldine is out of the hospital and very weak. Please pray for our dear sister as she continues to recover from the stroke.
- Judith Grant-Ms. Judith is home from the hospital. She is a long way from being healthy and needs our prayers.
- Loretta Lamm-This is Mrs. Sue Lamm's daughter-in-law.
- Jamie Driver-Jamie is having some medical issues and needs our prayers.

Love in Christ,
Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal
Galatians 2:20

Youth Camp Fundraiser

BAKE SALE



@ White Oak Hill FWB Church

3967 West Hornes Church

Bailey NC 27807

Saturday, June 17th
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Donations Welcome

Pre-Order Pulled Pork BBQ

Call (252) 235-3868 for
Ordering & Payment Information



Money Due By Wednesday, June 14TH

Pick-Up on Saturday, June 17TH from 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM



Church Attendance

May 24th

Wednesday Night 72

May 28th

Sunday School 76

Sunday Worship 152

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

Project Hickory SPRING UPDATE

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EQUIP CHURCH



It has been such a blessing to see how God has provided throughout our church planting journey. The NC Mission Board announced in January that Project Hickory has secured the total monthly support necessary to officially come off the road and that we have raised our goal for start-up expenses. Our team cannot find words to adequately express our gratitude to the churches and people of North Carolina. God continues to use His people to prove Himself faithful. We are truly humbled by your kindness and support.

Things have been busy for the Project Hickory Team. In February, we were able to secure a location at a local elementary school in Hickory for our church to meet in for services beginning in May. We have also been busy purchasing the majority of the equipment we will need to be able to have portable church services.



On March 23, we had our Vision Gathering where we were able to share our vision for Equip Church. A total of 50 people attended including our core team, some volunteers from a local church, and 18 first-time guests who live in our community. Please continue to pray for our team as we prepare for our first Preview Service on May 28.

If you or your church is interested in coming to Hickory to help be a vital part of this church plant, please contact Brandon at brandon@equiphickory.church.

You can also go to www.projecthickory.com to complete our Missions Trip Info Form. You will find the dates for our preview services listed on our church website.



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LONGVIEW SHOE DRIVE

FOR LONGVIEW ELEMENTARY
SHOES



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During our Back to School event in August, we will be partnering with Longview Elementary to give away shoe vouchers to their students. Within a five minute drive from Longview, the median income is approximately \$25,000.00. When we asked the school personnel what their greatest needs were, their immediate answer was shoes. Please consider designating your churches Vacation Bible School Offering to help provide shoes for the children of Longview Elementary. If anyone would just like to donate financially to this Shoe Drive for Longview, please email or call Brandon for more information.



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May28

June11

July8

Aug13

Sept17

