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ROOTED IN FAITH

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and leight, and depth, and height.

This past Sunday, our message was from Revelation 11. We discussed the two witnesses and their ministry during the tribulation period. The Lord, through the ages, has always had courageous men and women to be witnesses for Him. This week, I thought it would be good to look at the life of William Tyndale. He lived ca.1494-1536. The following is a description of Rev. William Tyndale taken from the book, Foxe: Voices of the Martyrs, pgs. 99-100.

So great is our passion to know the truth that some seekers will give everything, even their lives, for the treasure of knowing one certain thing.

William Tyndale was a well-educated scholar who was frustrated at the distance between English education and the Bible, the source of truth. Studying at Oxford and then at Cambridge, he bristled at the barriers and longed for the nourishment his mind and heart treasured. "In the universities," he said, "they have ordained that no man shall look on the Scripture until he be nozzled in heathen learning eight or nine years, and armed with false principles with which he is clean shut out of understanding of the scripture." Tyndale's life would be devoted to overcoming just this obstacle. For him, the Bible "for the people" would become the answer to corruption in the church. The Bible "for the people "meant that all could drink from the truth itself, without pressure or pretext and most clearly, without a priest to read or interpret.

Tyndale was born sometime around 1494 in Gloucester, England, near the Welsh border. Ninety years earlier, the church had banned the only English Bible in the world, the hand-copied work of John Wycliffe. It was a flawed translation, based on the Latin Vulgate, but it was all English speakers had. And to have it was a crime. Tyndale's passions eventually settled on a mission as dangerous as any in his century: to work from the Greek and Hebrew text to create a Bible in vernacular English, so readable and accurate that an Englishman could depend on it, learn from it, and find God's voice in it. All this was clear to the multilingual Tyndale by the age of 30.

To do that work, Tyndale had to leave England. No Bishop in the realm would protect him, much less encourage the project. Tyndale traveled to Germany, where he completed the New Testament in 1525. Then he went on to Antwerp, one step ahead of the English agents, where the first 5 Old Testament books were translated and printed. In Belgium, he met a community of English merchants, and though agents were searching the continent to find him, Tyndale felt secure enough to relax his guard. His lack of caution would prove fatal. Tyndale took up a friendship with Henry Phillips, who won Tyndale's confidence but secretly sought the bounty offered for his capture. In May 1535, the trap was set. Tyndale was taken under guard to the castle at Vilvoorde, near Brussels, where he suffered in dank and cold for 18 months before standing trial for "maintaining that faith alone justifies... that to believe in the forgiveness of sins, and to embrace the mercy offered in the gospel, was enough for salvation." The complete list of charges included

direct attacks on church teaching, among them that "neither the Virgin nor the Saints should be invoked by us."

Tyndale knew how these trials ran. He would have no chance at defense, and death was the remedy. With his body shaking from cold and the winter's light dim for writing, he worked to complete the English Bible, helped by a sympathetic prison governor.

In August 1536, Tyndale was condemned as a heretic and defrocked. For two more months, he was kept at Vilvoorde. Then, in early October, just past dawn, he was led from prison to the stake. Formalities included placing the Mass once more in his hands, then quickly snatching it back, the offer of last-minute reprieve if he would only recant, and always the shouts of a crowd gathered to witness a "heathen " die.

Secured to the stake, surrounded by brush and logs, Tyndale was heard to pray," Lord, open the King of England's eyes." Then the executioner snapped hard on the rope, strangling Tyndale before the blaze consumed his body.

The final prayer was for the bully, King Henry the Eighth, whose pursuit of a male heir had already cost Anne Boleyn her life and Catherine her marriage. So full of his power and pomp, would this king's eyes ever call favorably on Tyndale's English Bible?

Indeed, he did. Two years after Tyndale's death, King Henry authorized the distribution of the Matthew Bible, much of it Tyndale's work. And then in 1539, all printers and sellers of books were ordered by the king to provide for the'' free and liberal use of the Bible in our maternal English tongue.'' Tyndall's dream and his last earthly appeal had come true.*

*Foxe's Book of Martyrs; pgs. 99-100, Thomas Nelson, Inc.

May the Lord find us faithful witnesses to our generation!



The God's Man Conference will be held August 1-2 at the New Life Church in New Bern, N.C. We normally take a group down on Friday afternoon for the evening services and come back the same day. This is ALWAYS a very rewarding time of fellowship, and I encourage every man in the church to make time to attend. The group will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. for New Bern. Leaving at 3:00 p.m. allows us the time to enjoy a nice meal before the services. Please pray about joining us and commit by signing the sheet in the foyer.

I would like to thank everyone who stayed after the service for the business meeting last Sunday. As always, there were great questions and a great spirit in the meeting. Here are the results from the motions presented.

Motion #1-The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership team recommend approving minutes from the April 30, 2025, and June 1, 2025, business meetings. 96 yes 2 no

Motion #2 -The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership team recommend Mrs. Michelle Beamon to replace Mrs. Glenda Carroll as the Administrative Assistant of White Oak Hill FWB Church. 80 yes 18 no

Motion #3-The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership Team recommend approving the White Oak Hill F.W.B. Church June & YTD Budget Reports with noted changes. 93 yes 5 no

Motion #4-The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership Team recommend approving the Bailey Christian Childcare June & YTD budget reports. 95 yes 3 no

Motion #5-The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership Team recommend repairing & resurfacing the church's asphalt parking lot. 99 yes 1 no

Motion #6 -The Pastor, Youth Pastor, & Leadership Team recommend hiring a part-time music director to lead the choir & assist Randy Bissette in the music ministry. 83 yes 14 no

Motion #7-The Pastor, Youth Pastor, and Leadership team recommend enclosing the existing carport for the chuch vehicles. The amount needed for this project is \$7,500.00. 92 yes 6 no



There are a lot of sign-up sheets in the church foyer. Please stop by and see where you can serve.

- The Red Cross Blood Drive is going to be on August 16th. We are looking for volunteers to donate blood from the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Sonshine Club will meet on August 2nd at 5:00 p.m. The Johnsons will be serving ribs and chicken. #delicious
- Flowers for our services on Sunday. Each arrangement provides support for various missionaries.



Wonder Junction V.B.S. is so close!! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who will teach, act, sing, and share the gospel. You're amazing! Thank you for serving. Please mark your calendars for these two big events that will help us get ready for V.B.S.

- We will meet this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. to distribute t-shirts, teaching material, gather ideas, etc. Don't worry about dinner. The church will provide pizza and beverages for everyone who attends the meeting.
- On Saturday, July 2, we will all get together to decorate the church for V.B.S. Preparation for VBS takes a lot of work and a lot of creativity. I hope everyone will schedule the time to serve the Lord and help decorate for "Wonder Junction!"



Ladies, please don't forget the "Be the Change" meeting taking place on August 29th. This small group class is for all the ladies who are raising young children. Let me encourage you to take a break and fellowship with other moms who are in the same season of life. You'll be glad you took the time. Please see Stacey Wall or call the church office if you have any questions.



The Prayer Needs in the church this week are listed below:

- Judith Grant-Please pray for Ms. Judith! Please pray specifically for her lungs to function normally.
- Patricia Register-Please continue to pray for our dear sister as she receives dialysis treatments.
- William and Gail Pridgen-Let's pray for Ms. Gail. Her chemo treatments are finished, and we are waiting for the results from the PET scan to see if she is cancer-free. William is recovering from his recent surgery.
- **Glenda and Shannon Carroll**-Please pray for Ms. Glenda. Glenda is transitioning into a new season of grandparenting and caring for her father. She and Shannon need prayers as they navigate this season and battle health concerns.
- **Bobby and Shirley Dew**-Both of these wonderful seniors are struggling with health issues. Bobby is having fainting spells, and Ms. Shirley is suffering from stomach issues.
- Amber Dew (Dennison's wife)-Amber is struggling with cancer. She is having a very difficult time.
- **Brinson Gaynor-**This young man is pastor Hal and Cindy's grandson. Brinson is doing much better. He has started a new treatment plan that appears to be working.
- Please pray for Israel and America
- The Malene Watson and Nancy Hazelwood families-Marlene went to Heaven Saturday afternoon.
- Judy Jones-Judy is Paul Thorpe's sister. She has cancer.
- Sue Bissette-Please pray for Sue as she recovers from cataract surgery.
- 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.
- Charles Price Sr.-Charles is having to use larger oxygen bottles to enjoy a good quality of life. Let's pray he regains his strength.
- **Jimmy Barnes**-Even with cancer, Jimmy continues to enjoy this season of life. His treatments are working, and your prayers are making a difference.
- **Geraldine Tuck-**Ms. Geraldine is out of the hospital and asking the Lord to give the doctors wisdom. They are unsure what is causing these TIA's.
- Morris Joyner-Brother Morris has cancer and needs our prayers.
- **A.W. and Bernice Pitts**-This sweet couple is struggling physically. Please pray for them and this season of physical difficulty.
- Our young adults-Many of our young adults are struggling to find a job. Let's pray the Lord would open the right door for a promising career.

- **Debra Pearce**-Debra is battling some extreme health problems. Pray the medications continue to help.
- **Melisa Belcher**-Melisa's P.T. is going well, but she and her dad (Donald) are still hurting from the loss of Ms. Teresa. The family will have to make some major decisions in the days ahead regarding his care.
- Arlene Brown-Ms. Arlene is struggling to get rid of a persistent cough.
- The Brantley family-Please pray for Ms. Nancy as she moves forward without Harold.
- **Donald Rice**-Mr. Rice is Trevor and Lauren's grandfather.
- Dan Baggs-Dan has kidney issues and is in Wilson Medical Hospital.

Love In Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Galatians 2:20

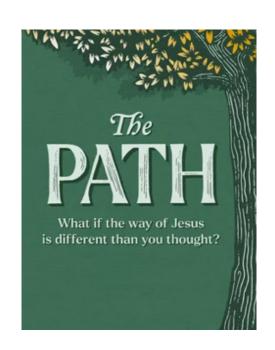


Church Attendance

July 16th
Wednesday Night 73
July 20th
Sunday School 91
Sunday Morning Worship 157



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The devil is trying to prevent the Second Coming and the turning of Jewish people to Jesus, the Messiah.

many Israelis who struggle with hopelessness and insecurity because of ongoing attacks by Israel's enemies.

The Jewish people need your help and support—today.

This fierce opposition and barrage from Israel's enemies are not only happening within Israel but across the globe as well. I believe the evil one is at the heart of these modern-day attacks on God's chosen people and the modern State of Israel. He wants to destroy the Jewish people before he is destroyed and thrown into the lake of fire. The devil tried to stop the first coming of Jesus and failed, and he is trying to prevent the Second Coming—as we know the turning of the Jewish people to Jesus will precipitate the return of our Lord and Messiah Jesus! (Matthew 23:37-39; Romans 11:25-29; Zechariah 12:10).

The Jewish people are the target of devilish hatred and antisemitism, which is on the rise in America and throughout the world. This is the right moment to cry out to God in intercessory The **future** is bright, and our outreach for Jesus in **Israel** is more exhilarating than ever.



prayer on behalf of the Jewish people and to bless Israel. We need to raise our voices in protest against these ongoing and intensifying assaults by alerting our spiritual family and local churches.

The Jewish people need our prayers for protection and salvation today!

A Global Blight

As mentioned, this drastic problem goes well beyond our own country to other civilized western countries in Europe. Ireland, for example, is one of the most antisemitic countries in the world. We recently conducted a survey of Irish Christians and know this is true!\(^1\) The British believers are more favorable toward Israel, and we thank God for this, but still our friends across the pond are far less sympathetic to Jewish people than those in the United States of America.\(^2\) This holds true for France, Belgium, Holland, and many other nations as well. It's sad to see Holland on this list as it used to be so supportive of the Jewish people; many Dutch Christians lost their lives by saving Jewish people during the Holocaust.

We must never forget what happened in Europe a mere eighty years ago.

My grandparents left their family and friends and immigrated to the United States because of the persecution of Jewish people in eastern Europe before the war. Eventually, six million Jewish people would perish.

I am sorry to say that the Christian outcry against antisemitism in Europe was insufficient to save the

sons and daughters of Israel who perished in the gas chambers of those ghastly concentration camps. Yet, there are wonderful examples of heroic Christians who sacrificially loved those with whom God made a perpetual covenant. Pastors like Martin Niemöller withstood the Nazis and spent time in prison while others, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, lost their lives because of their stand against evil and antisemitism. They understood that the Jewish people are the kinsmen according to the flesh of our Savior, as Jesus is Jewish.

As one of my mentors used to say, "We need to love what God loves and hate what God hates," and, dear friend, God hates antisemitism!

How can we possibly not support the family of our loving Messiah?

Thank you for your prayers and support. I can tell you firsthand that our new Tel Aviv Messianic Center is now open, dedicated, and going strong. Israelis—both believers and seekers—are finding their way to our Sabbath dinners, concerts, Bible studies, and more, as there is a genuine hunger for the Lord. We are now in a position to reach many more Israelis than before because we now have the space. The future is bright, and our outreach for Jesus in Israel is more promising than ever.

Planning for the Future

The writer of Proverbs tells us, "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9),

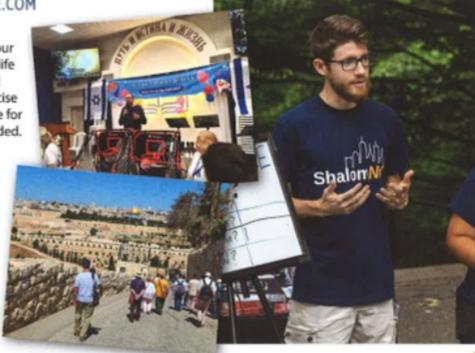
The Lord knows the beginning and the end, and so we can trust Him fully for our salvation, the well-

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being of our families, and our future. He came to give us life in abundance (John 10:10)! He also hopes we will exercise godly stewardship and care for the resources He has provided.

On a Personal Note

A few months ago, I began my twenty-ninth year as president of Chosen People Ministries. I am blessed because the Lord has given me good health, a wonderful wife, beautiful children, and a fruitful ministry. But I know that my time on this earth is limited.



When the time comes for us to pass into His presence, we want to make sure that whatever we leave on earth is going to be used for His kingdom purposes—both for our families and for the ministries we love and support.

As the apostle Paul wrote, "I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). This is our common hope! I have been studying 1 Corinthians lately and love the beautiful picture Paul paints of the future for believers in Jesus! He wrote,

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (1 Corinthians 15:42–44)

Talking or writing about our journey into His presence can be a bit uncomfortable for us. But even as I continue to labor on in this flesh, I also really cannot wait to see His beautiful face. How about you?

Whatever we do for Him endures forever.

What we do today is of great importance because it impacts the eternal future of so many others!

This includes our stewardship of the funds He provides for us through our hard work and management of the resources He gives us. What we do today is of great importance because it impacts the eternal future of so many others!

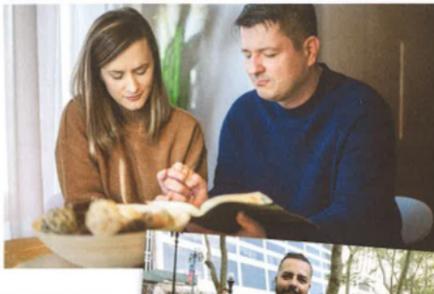
May I encourage you to consider setting apart some of what He has given to you so that we might together build the future of Your Mission to the Jewish People until He returns?

You might consider developing a plan that sets apart a tithe of your assets to be used in the future for God's work, whether for Chosen People Ministries and Jewish missions, your local church, or the projects you have supported throughout your life.

You can decide today to provide ongoing and valuable financial support for God's work tomorrow!

Chosen People Ministries is now working with a godly group of attorneys and financial planners who can help you establish a plan that enables you to give to His work for many years into the future—should He tarry. There are ways to receive tax deductions today and income during your time on earth and even to enhance what you leave to your children—thanks to the ways our wonderful country encourages generosity.

You can make a difference for the Lord **today** and **tomorrow** as you plan your stewardship of the gifts He has given to you in this life.



Let me give you two tangible and easy steps you can take to get started today. First of all, you can call our partnership director, Cindy Forbes, who would be more than happy to connect you to the team who can help with developing your plan—or at least to start the conversation.

Cindy can be reached by phone at 212-223-2252 ext. 1208, or by email at cforbes@chosenpeople.com. Or you can simply drop her a note at our headquarters: 241 East 51st Street, New York, NY 10022. You can also review the enclosed brochure to discover ways to maximize your giving.

We want to serve you! So, I hope you will pray about this and allow the Lord to lead you in discovering how you can impact the future of organizations like Chosen People Ministries and help us reach Jewish people for the Lord Jesus for many years to come.

Thank you for caring, for your faithfulness to the Lord, and for your generosity. Please remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the work of Your Mission to the Jewish People.

On a final note, I am happy to report that we have established a challenge grant fund of \$100,000, which means that if you give \$100 today, it will be effectively doubled by another \$100—up to \$100,000. Your gift now will help us reach Jewish people for Jesus today in twenty countries and in more than a dozen American cities today!

You can make a difference for the Lord today and tomorrow as you plan your stewardship of the gifts He has given to you in this life.

Blessings in our beloved Messiah,

Mitch (Romans 10:1)

Endnotes

- 1 "Study Finds 'Medieval' Levels of Antisemitism in Predominantly Catholic Ireland," All Israel News, April 9, 2025, https://allisrael.com/study-finds-medieval-levels-of-antisemitism-in-predominantly-catholic-ireland.
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