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White Oak Newsletter
White Oak Hill
Evangelical Church



From
Pastor Hal

RENEW
A Fresh Walk with God
Psalm 51:10



If this past weekend is any indication of the next few months; our church can expect some wonderful services in November and December. This morning Dr. Bruce Barnes shared a quote on social media. It was from Dr. Bob Jones Sr. Dr. Bob said, "When the flower of gratitude dies on the altar of a man's heart, that man is well-nigh hopeless." Our 134th Homecoming service was amazing. It was so good to see the many friends and family back under the church roof at the same time. And our musicians were amazing! It was a blessing to see the choir using their talent again to glorify the King of Kings. But let's not forget the many people serving outside the sanctuary. I will not take the time to list their names, but the Lord knows your sacrifice and your service. Thank you so much for everything done behind the scenes. It truly was a great service.



The church leadership asked for the Homecoming offering to be used to help with the many improvements for Bailey Christian Childcare. Our goal was \$25,000. I am happy to share that through your generous giving, the church offering this past Sunday was \$21,693.00. THANK YOU, church family, for being such a loving and giving church.



Veteran's Day is this Thursday! After World War I President Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day. Our nation celebrates it on November 11 every year in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I.

Are you wondering why poppies are associated with Veterans Day?

The red poppy came to symbolize the bloodshed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines. ... In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. www.legion.org

In Flanders Fields
BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

“Our veterans accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called.”

--Bill Shuster



This Sunday, we will honor our veterans during the morning service. After the service, we will hoist two new flags on the flagpole in the Veteran’s Memorial at the front of the church. We hope you will join us to honor all the brave men and women who have served this country. And to all our veteran’s “WE LOVE YOU AND WE THANK YOU!” We will have a gift for you this Sunday as a small token of our appreciation.



Also, this Sunday is the deadline for Operation Christmas Child. The church has collected 113 boxes to date. Please don’t forget this is the last week to get your shoebox blessing to a needy child. We will be saying a special prayer over the boxes during the morning service.



Kid News: This Saturday, Brother Randy Bass and Ms. Anna will be taking the Propel age children to Hill Ridge Farms. The van will leave the church at 12:00 p.m. Hill Ridge Farms is about a 40-minute drive. The street address is 703 Tarboro Rd, Youngsville, NC 27596. They have so much for the kids to enjoy. Parents and grandparents are invited to tag along for some fun.



Mark your calendars for another big day! It will take place on December 5th. The well-known Southern Gospel music group “The Perry’s” will be joining us for a special Christmas service.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20

Church Attendance		
	November 3rd	
	Wednesday Night	57
	November 7th	
	Sunday School	NA
	Sunday Morning Worship	233

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:
Facebook - Hal Jones page
White Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church - Website
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MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!

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Medical Missions
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Church Planting



And of some have compassion, making a difference. Jude 22

October/November 2021

In our last update we shared that the Togolese government had closed churches and forbid group meetings due to a surge of Covid cases in the country. Praise the Lord the case number stabilized and churches were allowed to re-open. This also meant that we could re-start our weekly kids' club in the Zongo village.

While we were waiting to start back up we had a planning time with the missionaries and Togolese men who help with the kids' club. As we talked, we all agreed that we want this to be an intentional time of sharing the Gospel with the kids and discipleship. Many of these children come from Muslim families and because of that they are familiar with some of the Old Testament stories and even the person of Jesus. With this in mind, we chose the passage of John 1:1-14 for the Bible memorization portion of kids' club. These verses focus on the fact that JESUS is GOD. This is contrary, of course, to what Muslims believe. Each week we teach a verse, explain what it means, and

Muslims believe. Each week we teach a verse, explain what it means, and then ask the children questions such as, "Who was the Word?" and "Who is Jesus?" As an incentive (because all kids love incentives!!) if they memorize the entire passage and are able to recite it to us, then we will give them a reward, something like a new set of markers or maybe a coloring book. While they may do it for the prize, we know that the Word of God does not return void! If these children hide God's Word in their hearts then it can change them!

We begin Kids' Cub with games to help attract kids from the neighborhood. Frisbee, jump rope, and soccer are always big hits!



Older siblings, meaning those who are 6 or 7 years old, might bring their younger sibling who they are responsible to take care of. One of those little siblings was brought along and set in the dirt. He started crying so Eliza picked him up. He was fascinated by her hair!! And yes, even though he is in pink, it is indeed a little boy! Color of clothes doesn't matter here. They wear what they have!

After game time we gather the kids together for songs, Bible memorization, and a Bible lesson.



Song time is so fun as we teach the children songs rich with Scripture truth!





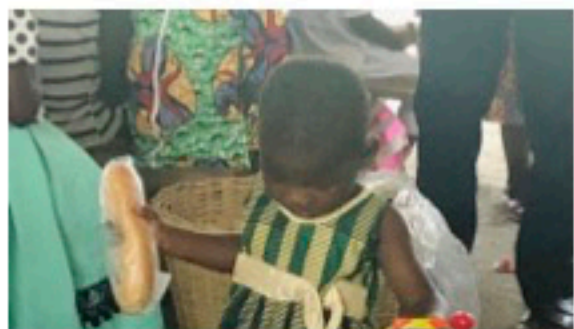
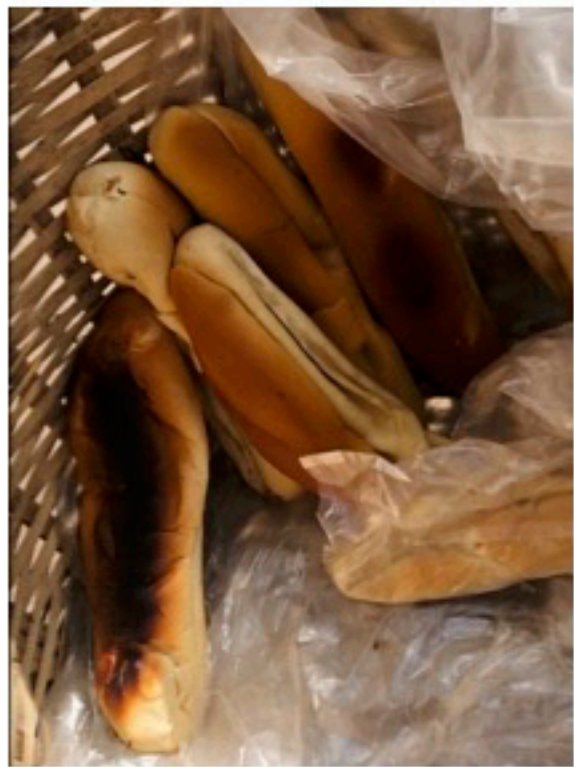
Goudevé Church

Another exciting development, since churches/groups were allowed to gather, was the first service in the new building for the Goudevé Church!! While it wasn't completely finished, one of the leaders (in reference to going back to the old church building after the month-long closure) said, "We are not going back into that old place!" The church members were ready to move into the new structure. So with great rejoicing, after the government lifted restrictions, we had our first service in the new building. While it may not look like much to American standards, it is beautiful sight to see a church grow!! We celebrated with prayer and songs.





At the end of the service the pastor's wife passed out bread and Fanta soft drinks to all the adults and the children were each given a piece of candy and a cookie. What a sweet celebration of God's provision of a much larger place to gather.





Last Sunday, John was asked to teach Sunday school. He shared from the Gospels where Jesus taught the parable of the different soils and sowing seeds. In a subsistence farming culture, this parable is extremely applicable. May we continually evaluate our own hearts and seek to be receptive to God's Word and the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts. May we also be faithful to sow the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of others.





John teaching Sunday School



Typically the men and women sit separately on either side of the church. When we arrived, the ladies side was already full so we sat on the empty benches on the

men's side. It looks like we need to add some more benches though since every Sunday since opening every bench has been full!



John preached in French, but since not everyone speaks French the man standing to the right of John then translated into Ewé, one of the most prevalent tribal languages in this region of Togo. The 2 men standing on the far left (both are leaders in the church and they both work with us at the hospital) would read out loud each passage, first in French then in Ewé. Since many people do not have a Bible and many can not read, any Scripture reference is read aloud. The man sitting behind John is Mr. Ali who is the pastor of the church. He also happens to be a security guard at the hospital. Please pray for these 4 leaders of the Goudevé Church.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

This past weekend we lost one of our co-laborers at Hôpital Baptiste Biblique. Koudjo, a hospital employee, passed away very unexpectedly. He leaves behind a wife a 2 very young children. one of which is just a few months old.

Please pray for his wife as she grieves the loss of her husband and as she learns to navigate life now as a widow in a culture that is very challenging without a husband. Please also pray for the other employees as they grieve this loss. We do rejoice however, that as a believer he is now present with the Lord.

Please pray for John as he flies back to the US from Dec 5-20. His younger sister is getting married. We wish we could all be there, but it is just not possible. We felt it was important that he be there for her big day! While he is in the US he will also be getting some medical care that is not available here. Please pray for answers and quick treatment. Please also pray for Tabitha and the kids as they are separated. We covet your prayers!

Humbled with Gratitude

At this time of year our hearts are especially drawn towards a focus on thankfulness and gratitude. We are so very thankful for God's redemptive plan of salvation through Christ. What wretched sinners we are, but what a gracious, merciful, loving, righteous Father we have. We also give thanks for you. We could never adequately express our deep gratitude for your prayer and financial support. Each month, as financial gifts are given, we are incredibly humbled at your faithfulness and your generosity. We are keenly aware that we can not serve here in Togo with your partnership. Like Paul expressed in many of his letters, we thank the Lord in all our remembrance of you (Phil 1:3).



Praise & Prayer

Praises

- Between 175-200 kids at Kids Club each week
- Government lifting of church/group restrictions
- New church building for Goudevé Church
- Opportunities to share the gospel on almost a daily basis
- Faithful prayer and financial support of so many individuals and churches
- God's provision through your faithful giving that allows us to serve here

Prayer

- Government permission to re-start Mobile Medical Clinics
- The family of Koudjo after his sudden death
- John's trip back to the US for wedding and health evaluation
- Growth and maturing of Goudevé Church



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