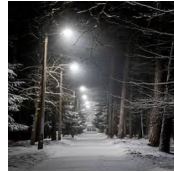


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White Oak Newsletter  
White Oak Hill  
from 1897 to 2021



From  
Pastor Hal

RENEW  
A Fresh Walk with God  
Psalm 51:10



What I am about to write may seem silly. And to many, it may appear to be a very simple life adjustment. But when Cindy and I moved to central North Carolina from the Hampton Roads area; we had to adjust to the many streets that had no streetlights. Driving to the church through the country with only our headlights to guide us was different. Cindy was raised in the country. However, I was raised under the ever-present streetlights of Wilmington for most of my life. Why would I begin this newsletter talking about streetlights? Have you ever considered the life of Joseph? He was a very prominent personality leading up to that first Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. But then he seems to go behind the curtain in the stage of life. When Joseph closed his carpentry shop to travel to Bethlehem, he and Mary would not find any streetlights to guide their weeklong journey. Depending on the road they took, the trip would cover approximately 70 or 90 miles. One road would take them through Samaria, but the other option would be longer and more treacherous. It would be mountainous and dangerous. If only there were streetlights on the Jericho road. It would be much safer. Then when the chosen couple did finally arrive in Bethlehem Jesus decided to make His appearance when the hotels were full. Emmanuel-God with us. Is this what Joseph and Mary pictured when they agreed to God's divine plan? I doubt it. Surely the Son of God deserved better than the company of dirty, stinking animals when He made His appearance into the world! Would this couple look up into the loft and ask God; did we make a wrong turn? Are we in the right place? Joseph (the head of the house) wanted more for his wife and son. This isn't what he had planned. But then the Lord reminds Joseph of something important. He isn't your son! He is my son! (Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16). This is my plan for you, for Mary, and for MY SON.

**Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."**

All the Lord asked Mary and Joseph to do was obey. Simply obey and watch God do a miracle. When Cindy and I were getting adjusted to this beautiful country life without streetlights, we were amazed at the beauty of creation. The stars became bright and crystal clear. It seemed they were more beautiful than ever. But is that true? Of course not. The stars were always that beautiful. We just couldn't see them. Joseph and Mary were also taken down dark roads into an unknown future. All God asked was for them to obey. And when they obeyed God the Light of the World was placed into their loving arms. Today someone might be reading this newsletter traveling down an unknown road. It might even be a dark road with no streetlights. You're not sure if you took the right turn or made the right decision. Let me encourage you to follow Joseph's example. Just obey God! Though the road of life can be dangerous, dark, and full of doubt; this Christmas look up into the night sky and be reminded that the God of all creation is still lighting the way. And it's beautiful! Emmanuel is still with us. Who needs a streetlight?! We have Jesus!



This weekend is full of activities at White Oak. We begin the fun with an **Engage Christmas Party** at our house. The fun will start at 6:00 p.m. The **College and Career Christmas party** will be at The Carroll's house Saturday evening. It will start at 5:00 p.m. And on Sunday evening we will have our **Sandwich and Soup Social** in the fellowship hall. This is when the church exchanges Christmas cards. Would you mind if I changed the time to 5:30 p.m.? I know some of our seniors like to eat dinner earlier than 6. May I share a concern and it is my fault this concern is here. It appears that there is only enough food to feed a few families. An absent-minded preacher keeps forgetting to make the announcement to sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer. So let me make that announcement in this newsletter. To help the church better plan the dinner, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please let us know if you are coming and if you can prepare soup or sandwiches for the church family. It really helps a lot when we coordinate the tables, the chairs, and the meal. Please call the church office if you want us to write your name down on the sheet. Let me also say that the church does plan on giving a few gifts out at this activity. I hope you can make it!!

Speaking of special activities, we have the privilege of having another Christmas eve service this year. Please mark your calendars. The service will start at 5:30 p.m.

This past weekend we enjoyed the last business meeting for 2021. I would like to thank everyone who made the meeting a priority and stayed to be a part of the session. We discussed several very important items and it encourages my heart to see so many people contribute. A special thank you to the church members who volunteered to serve the Lord in 2022 at White Oak Hill. We could not effectively minister for the Lord if it weren't for your willingness to use your talents for God's glory. THANK-YOU! A special thank-you to Shawn Mobley for leading us in song this past Sunday. You did an amazing job for Jesus! And a special thank-you to Howard Morris for serving on the deacon board the next three years. I look forward to your fellowship and wisdom. Listed below are the results from our business meeting.

	Yes	No	Total	Percentage
Motion #1	79	3	82	96.3 (separate bank account)
Motion #2a	82	2	84	97.6 (2022 church budget)
Motion #2b	80	4	84	95.2 (2022 B.C.C. budget)
Motion #3	82	3	85	96.5 (deacon Howard Morris)
Motion #4	82	2	84	97.6 (lead. team schedule)
Motion #5	83	2	85	97.6 (2022 teachers/ officers)
Motion #6	81	4	85	95.3 (location of playground)



Our theme for next year is "Hope Is Here". We know the Lord Jesus Christ is the Blessed Hope we long to see soon. But until He comes to take the church home, let's stay busy! Let's pray the Lord allows us to share the Gospel next year and see many accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Our world needs the hope found in the Savior. Your gifts make it possible to share God's Word more effectively. Thank you to the many members who have financially supported God's work this year. In preparation for 2022, tithing envelopes are in the church foyer. These envelopes help us systematically give our tithe (our first fruits) to God's work every week. Let me encourage every member to take a box and make a financial commitment to the Lord! "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Jeremiah 17:7

There are also 2022 Bible reading calendars in the foyer. These calendars fit easily into most Bibles. Each one contains a Scripture reading schedule that will take a person through the Bible in a year. They also have a place for notes. There is no charge for these calendars. We want every member to have one!! It's a great tool to help us work our way through the Scriptures in 2022.

**Psalm 19:8, 10 " The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.**

**More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."**

It is a great time of year!!  
I will quote Charles Dickens to close this newsletter.

Love in Christ,  
*Rev. Hal W. Jones III*  
Hal Jones  
Galatians 2:20



Church Attendance	
<b>December 8th</b>	
Wednesday Night	50
<b>December 12th</b>	
Sunday School	79
Sunday Morning Worship	151

## 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

# MISSIONS CORNER!

Please pray for these missionaries!



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He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest ...  
Luke 1:32

As this month of thanksgiving has concluded, we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for and how so very important it is to have an attitude of gratitude. Let us be certain that we have meditated on the greatest and most important Person we have to be thankful for. What a sacrifice Jesus made when he stepped off the throne in heaven to be born in a lowly stable in Bethlehem! He knew his purpose on this earth was to die on an old rugged cross for each of us. He was born to die so that we might live forever. *Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift* (2 Cor. 9:15). As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this year, may we be thankful for His supreme sacrifice.

We want you to know that we are continually thankful for your faithful support of the work in Moldova. We pray that the Lord will bless those that pray faithfully for our family and the work, and that He will bless those of you that support the work financially. It is because of you that we are able to continue the work in Moldova.

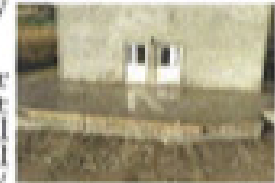
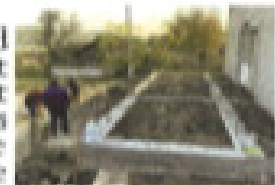
Please continue to pray for Daria and Nicolae, who continue to attend church regularly; and Mihai and Olga, who sometimes attend, but have not made a decision for Christ and seem indifferent. They know the truth, but have not yet allowed it to penetrate their hearts. Pray that their spouses will be a light to their families. Also, pray for Grigore and Victoria. Grigore once made a decision for Christ, but has not lived a consistent Christian life since. Pray the Lord will convict Grigore to get right with God, and pray for the salvation of Victoria.

Please pray as we have begun working on the foyer of the church. In order for the building to be up to code and have official documentation, we must have a front foyer. This work has been going on for a few months—all being done voluntarily by a few brothers in the church. We are so thankful for those being willing to give of themselves and their time (full days/weeks). It truly is a sacrifice for them and their families. Pray for safety as the work continues. We have the funds for the roof and windows, and we are planning to get them put on this winter. In the spring, we hope to be able to do the stucco exterior (approximately \$10,000) and the parking lot. If the Lord puts it on your heart to contribute to this, it would be a great blessing as we still need funds to complete it. Any contributions can be earmarked - church construction.

Once again, thank you for your part in this work. May God's blessings rest upon you and your families this Christmas season and into the new year of 2022. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Because of Him,

Nick & Candy Corlata





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– A listener in Turkey

*"I never knew a person whom I could call 'father.' After a bad day I found your channel...*

*After four months I accepted Christ in my life. Now I have a father who calls me precious and takes care of me... I can't describe what that means to me... Thank you!"*

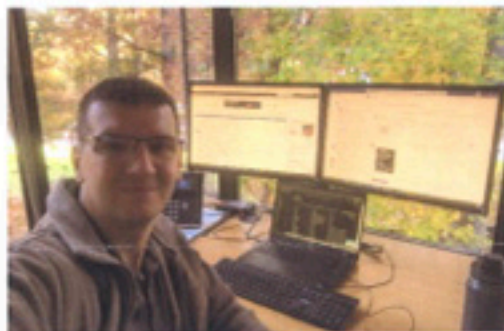
Greetings friends,

Are you aware how God has blessed TWR this year? Let me share just a few areas and ways I have been contributing recently.

Financial giving by folks like you has reached new highs. It has funded tower maintenance projects as well as new areas of outreach. Women of Hope is creating new programming to reach women in the Arab world. There has been a recent distribution of radios to the Pygmies of Central Africa. "I thank the Lord for these gifts," says Bernadette, a villager in Gabon. "I receive these gifts with a heart open to the gospel of Jesus Christ... I thank the Lord for those who brought us these radios to listen to the word of life that transforms hearts." Every Man a Warrior continues to grow in small group studies throughout the US and abroad. The Spanish ministry reported on the impact of programs to Spanish speaking prison



The whole family attended a friend's wedding.



Neal maintains many systems at his desk.

inmates across America. In Cary, God is gracious to provide some large building maintenance at cost because the contractors believe in what TWR is doing.

The IT/IS team revamped our mission statement: TWR Global IT plans, implements, and supports information technology and systems that enable TWR to reach the world for Jesus Christ so lasting fruit is produced.

I read recently that 86% of email is not legitimate, and that spam costs over \$700 per user each year. That is cheap when you consider sneaky requests for funds to which trusting Christians are ready to give. Part of what I have worked on these last few months includes improving email filtration to all our missionaries, so they receive only the right stuff. Additionally, training we received has equipped us to better secure our data from even unintentional leaks. Email and data protection are never-ending jobs. But it is good to know I contribute to the welfare and effectiveness of our missionaries.

I have helped onboard many new missionaries this year, and more openings remain. If you would like to visit our US office or are interested in putting your skills to work in ministry, please contact me!

## Giving Thanks



*Autumn colors at the Cary office*

We take time to give thanks for the Lord's good gifts, especially as we consider Advent when he entered our humanity. We are grateful for our church family. I also thank God for those of you who have answered the call to support me in ministry. I value the friendship and partnership of each one of you. May God bless you richly as we celebrate the birth of the savior and enter a new year of kingdom work.

Merry Christmas!

### Prayer Corner

Pray for continued health for Myra as she teaches at the co-op.

Praise/pray for the health of churches – yours, mine, and those where listeners will plug in.

Praise for the health of TWR ministry areas and budget.

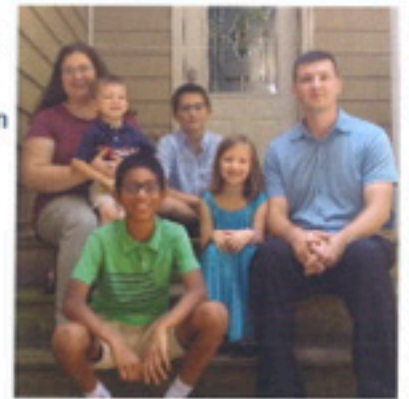
Praise for the progress of the IT/IS team on many project fronts.

### Family Update

Praise God that in September Isaiah went public with his faith and was baptized! It's always a blessing to get the family together to celebrate the Lord's work in the life of one of the kids.

Isaiah has since finished the soccer season as Cara wants to sign up for next one. Anthony completed both a table tennis class and his latest golf training. The first semester of school is almost done, and all three kids have done well in their studies.

This fall has been busy with lots of fun activities. We were able to attend the beautiful wedding of a friend, went on a trip to Great Wolf Lodge with about 30 other school families, and Neal and the kids went on a church camping trip. In October, we celebrated our 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! The kids have had several field trips with school as well. They visited Hawk Manor Falconry and learned all about birds of prey and learned about pond life and ecosystems at Camp Agape. Now everyone is looking forward to fun at Christmas!

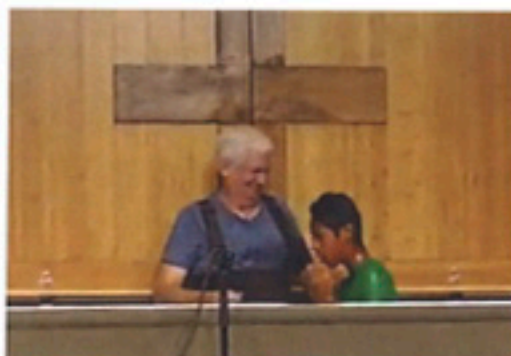


*above – a rare family photo on the front porch on a pleasant day*

*left – Anthony pets an owl*

*center – Isaiah gets baptized*

*right – the kids in their country finest*



MERRY



Christmas



The WEBB Family  
JD, Breana, Emma Rose and Noah