



Encouragement is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the act of encouraging, or the state of being encouraged. Something that encourages." This past Sunday the church family was encouraged in so many ways. Certainly, the special music and the message were a blessing. But this morning I was reminded of some great women in the Bible. Their great ministry was written and preserved for all eternity. Life lessons for all everyone. Ladies like Lydia would open her home to Paul and become the base of operations in Philippi. Her kindness and generosity allowed Paul and the other disciples to reach the city for Jesus Christ. Another awesome example of grace was Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) who was described in Acts 9:36 as "...this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.:" In this same chapter she would die and the Lord would use Peter to raise her up from the dead. Through the life and miracle in the life of Dorcas, "...many believed in the Lord" Acts 9:42

We don't have anyone in our church who is called Lydia or Dorcas. But looking out over the body of believers who gathered at White Oak Hill this past Sunday, there are many ladies that shine for Jesus. Women who serve, sing, and strengthen others. Godly ladies who lead the next generation and the generations that follow with their godly example. The Sunday services at our church are brightened because the love of Jesus Christ shines on their faces and in their lives. The official day we call Mother's Day may be over in 2023, but I thank the Lord that every week we can count on modern Lydias to make a difference for Christ. The ladies who strengthen our ministry and allow White Oak Hill to be stronger for Jesus Christ in Bailey N.C. Thank you ladies! Only the Lord knows the mighty impact your life is making for the Lord!!



Of course, you don't have a special service like the one this past weekend without a lot of people helping to prepare for the service. We certainly thank the nursery workers for their sacrifice. While we praise the Lord there were ten in the nursery, that amount takes a lot of work. Thank you, ladies!! Robert and Trevor arrive early to prepare the muffins and beverages for our "Muffins 4 Moms". Thank you, Robert and Trevor! You may not know that Trevor also cleans the podium every Sunday morning. Wilson Flowers and Market continue to be very generous with donations to White Oak. Brother Randy brought all the flowers given away on Sunday. Thank you, Randy! I appreciate the men who helped distribute the gifts during the service. The deacons love to serve our church. Thank you, deacons! We couldn't enjoy the service without Nathan, Virginia, and Tim operating the slides and sound upstairs. Thank you, media crew! Our choir and praise teams continue to sacrifice and practice to lead us in song. Thank you, Christy, Randy, and our choir! The list could continue as I think of the security team, counters, children's workers, etc. But I just wanted to remind everyone the ministry shines for Jesus because many folks in the church make so many sacrifices. Thank you, everyone! It is an honor to be your pastor. You are such an encouragement!



Brother Justin Bissette and his dad (Mickey) brought their forklift to the church and placed the rubber mulch in the new playground area. Then Brother Jonathan laid out all the mulch under the new slide. Thank you, men! It looks great and our kids are safely enjoying this new area to play.



Please pray for the upcoming meetings and activities. Particularly the Randall Association meeting this Saturday at Glad Tidings FWB Church in Asheboro, NC. Specifically, pray for our leaders as they plan the state meeting in a few weeks and the national meeting in July.



Many of you may not know there is a lost and found drawer in one of the dressers located in the foyer. Several Bibles and miscellaneous items are already there. In the last few weeks, we have found two jackets (one has been claimed) and a nice pocketknife used this past weekend. One of the jackets is a purple windbreaker (size large). It was left in the Sunday School wing a few weeks ago. The knife was left in the sanctuary this past weekend. The jackets and the knife are in the office (not the drawer). Please see Mrs. Glenda if these items belong to you.



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 has an appointment with a specialist at Duke in June.
- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is struggling this week. Let's continue to lift her up to Jesus for complete healing.
- Brenda Dawes-Please pray for Ms. Brenda and Fred. She has taken a turn for the worse and stands in need of a miracle.
- 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 has an 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. 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-Another medical issue is hampering Ms. Joyce's recovery. Please pray! It was great to see her in church this past weekend.
- 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 doctors will have wisdom and the problem remains isolated to one area.
- 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 continues to see the Great Physician guide her recovery from the mini-stroke. Her health is improving on a weekly basis. We give glory to God for His wonderful healing in our dear sister's life.
- Pastor Hal-My intestinal obstruction appears to be removed. The doctors did say the obstruction could return. Please pray for complete permanent healing of the lower intestinal area.
- Cindy Jones - Cindy has recently been having heart issues. Her heart is going into A-Fib about once a week. She is taking medication and we ask the Lord for miraculous healing.
- Loretta Lamm-This is Mrs. Sue Lamm's daughter-in-law. Please pray for this dear lady.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal
Galatians 2:20


Church Attendance
May 3rd
Wednesday Night
May 7th
Sunday School
Sunday Worship

IM NewsBeat

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DO *the* LITTLE THINGS *Well*

In the summer of 1806, five students met in a field, not wanting their fellow classmates to overhear them as they discussed how their lives would look if they "sold out" to the idea of world missions. When a storm quickly approached, the five took shelter under a haystack while the implications of their discussion set in. One of the five, Samuel Mills, spoke up and said, "We can do this if we will."

A little closer to home, in 1969, the Foreign Missions Board entertained a motion to send out summer missionaries. Students with an overseas calling would have the opportunity to serve while still in college. The following year, six summer missionaries set out to various fields. Fifty-four years later, two still serve with IM.

In 1992, ETEAM provided the same opportunity to high school students. While it's difficult to paint a perfect picture of how ETEAM has made a profound difference over the past 30 years, we can confidently say it has impacted over 2,000 students.

Fast forward to 2023. This summer, 90 students will serve in ten countries. Our College Missions Program (CMP) and Overseas Apprentices (OA) no longer send a handful of students; 40 students will minister in ten countries in 2023.

One of our board members often quotes an early church father: "Good, better, best. Never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better is best."

As I transition into my new role as director of mobilization, that quote runs through my head often as I consider my vision. What does it look like for ETEAM and CMPOA not only to continue but also

grow to the next level? How can I build upon the successes of those before me?

My short answer: do the small things well. Our goal is not to make ETEAM/CMP/OA a cool trip but an opportunity for the Lord to open students' eyes to what is possible through Him.

- What if each ETEAM leader committed to their students for the following year and deepened their relationships beyond ETEAM?
- What if we committed to following up with students throughout the year at youth events or on social media?
- What if we helped our missionaries understand that when hosting a student or team, they may be hosting their next teammate?

I believe these things will happen when we focus on doing the little things well.

Would you prayerfully consider giving to one of our students who will be going to serve overseas this year through one of IM's student missions programs? Visit <https://iminc.org/go/student-missions> to give.

To read Leslie Nichols' full article in One Magazine, visit <https://bit.ly/3A9PLRI> or scan the QR code.



Leslie Nichols joined IM in January 2019. In January 2021, she became College Missions Program (CMP) coordinator and became director of mobilization in January 2023.



FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

Matt and Cristina Price celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 16, 2023. The Prices will also return for Stateside Assignment in June.



Noah Snow (Japan) graduates from high school in June. In the fall, he will move to America and begin college.



Mason Penn graduates from high school in May and will attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, this fall. Mason plans to major in Christian studies with an emphasis in youth ministry.



Jane Ketteleman was the "Student Director" in her high school play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



While at a recent IM Bulgaria team meeting in Pieven, Bulgaria, the



Provow and Postlewaite children starred in a spy thriller entitled *The Undercover School Master*.

Four IM missionary kids (**Alex Awtrey, Marc Edgmon, Emily Edgmon, and Jacob Snow**) performed in Welch College's "Singing in the Rain" in April.



On April 20th, **Rejane Eagleton** inaugurated an individual expo of 26 of her original paintings at the Center for the Arts in Campinas. The expo will last about 20 days.



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

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Dennis and Carol Teague

have served in **France** for 40 years. They have three sons and three French daughters-in-law. They

have the privilege to serve alongside their sons and daughters-in-law in a ministry called JPense, a mini-concert with a spiritual emphasis and a message concerning an apologetic subject. They, along with their family, started a new church called Mosaïque. The new church is being built mainly through contacts made during the JPense events. The Teagues are also involved in the FWB church at St. Nazaire. "The Lord has brought many people to Himself over the past few years through the ministry of this church, and many believe it is just the beginning. We are seeing an openness that we have not seen before in France. People are hurting and looking for a group that will care for them and give them value. Our churches are growing because they have been able to create a place where those needs can be met." Watch this video from the Teagues to learn more about their ministry in France (scan QR code).



NEW FIELD WORKERS APPOINTED

IM's board meeting took place in April, where they appointed two new field workers, Daniel and Karah, to serve in Southern Spain! Additionally, their teammates, Josh and Bethany, were approved as career field workers to continue the work being done in Southern Spain. Pray for these families and their efforts to bring help, hope, and healing to refugees and people in their community.

NEW WMO RESOURCES

With the World Missions Offering date just around the corner, we are excited to share the many WMO resources you can use at your church or small group to promote giving so the Gospel can reach the ends of the earth! Introducing two NEW resources: A five-week kids' curriculum called "Journey to the ENDS of the EARTH" and also Spanish-translated WMO promotional resources! Visit <https://www.iminc.org/wmo>.



STUDENT MISSIONS TRIPS BEGIN SOON

We have eight College Missions Program trips going out in the next month beginning April 25th. Some students still need financial help and each of them needs prayer. Be in prayer for ETEAM students, leaders, hosts, and parents of students during training week, which starts on June 9. Follow ETEAM (@eteam-missions) and College Missions Program (@collegemissionsprogram_im) on social media for more information and details.



POINTER JOINS IM OFFICE TEAM

IM has hired Miss Catie Pointer to fill the role of Financial Operations Assistant. We are thrilled to have such a quality individual join our team. Catie comes to IM from the educational world, where she has been a teacher for the last ten years. We are looking forward to Catie joining our team on June 1. Read the full News Release at [iminc.org/news](https://www.iminc.org/news).



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STATESIDE MISSIONARIES



Many Stateside missionaries have begun the new year by scheduling services at churches across the country to raise awareness and financial support for their ministries. If you'd like to host a missionary at your church so they can share how God is using Free Will Baptists across the globe to fulfill His Great Commission, scan the QR code to view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

PRAYER FOCUS

To keep up with the latest prayer requests from IM missionaries and Global Partners of IM, sign up for **Hotline Prayer and Praises**. We will send you a weekly email filled with specific requests from the field. Use the signup link below or scan the QR Code above. <https://mailchi.mp/iminc/signup>.



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