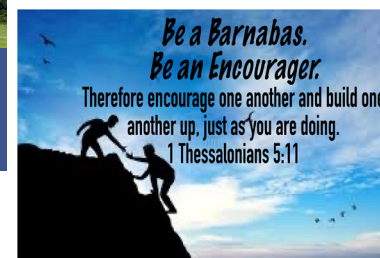




## From Pastor Hal



This week all of us will be reminded of the horrific events that unfolded Sept. 11, 2001. The day 19 terrorists representing Al Qaeda boarded four different planes in a suicidal attempt to destroy America. We now know these terrorists didn't do it for the money. They all came from middle-class or wealthy families. The mastermind and leader behind the attacks was Osama Bin Ladin. His nickname for the United States was the "The Paper Dragon". He firmly believed our country did not have the strength to protect the values we embrace so highly. The terrorists had planned to destroy the Twin Towers (financial center), the Pentagon (military center), and the White House or Congressional building (governmental center). Three of the four planes successfully hit their target. And our country has been forever changed by the evil seeds of hatred planted that day. We pray for those families whose lives have been forever changed 22 years ago. And we pray for America!

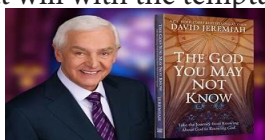
**A special thank-you to our local heroes serving in law enforcement and the various fire departments.**

Did you know the devil uses the same strategy as the enemies of peace used in 2001. Notice what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Satan is constantly trying to crash into our lives to destroy our walk with God. He wants to set fire to our testimony. How do we find victory over such a fierce enemy? How do we stand tall for the Lord? Peter gives the answer: a) Cast your care upon the Lord. Give God your worries. B) Be serious about your walk with God (sober). It's hard to say we are serious about our walk with God when we miss church, Bible Study, and prayer time. Let's be faithful in these spiritual disciplines and watch our spiritual strength grow, c) be vigilant concerning warfare. Look for areas where the devil will try to pierce your spiritual armor. D) Don't stop resisting the devil. But make sure we fight the right way. By faith! Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Our faith in the Lord and our knowledge of His Word will lead us to victory when the spiritual terrorist comes flying into our lives.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."



We have just finished the second week in our Sunday morning series "The God You May Not Know." As I have repeatedly said, this series is based on the book by David Jeremiah, and the copyright is owned by Turning Point Ministries. An interesting fact you may not know. Robert Morgan, a Free Will Baptist pastor in Nashville Tennessee edited the book. This past week we studied the God who is faithful. The music was wonderful and the Holy Spirit took over the service. It's a blessing to see the altar being used by so many people in our church family. When the altar is used on a regular basis, revival may not be too far behind. 2 Chron. 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." This coming week the message will center on the eternality of God. I encourage everyone to come and learn (with me) how knowing an eternal God can help us live boldly for Him.

NATIONAL  
BACK TO  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY

This Sunday is Back to Church Sunday. While the last day of summer officially ends on September 23; most of us have stopped traveling. School has started, routines have been established, and most of us are enjoying good health. Now it's time to rededicate ourselves to a great spiritual habit. Being in God's house every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Yes-Wednesday too! Ms. Glenda Carroll has already started practicing for the Christmas drama. Bring the kids on Wednesday! They will learn about the Lord and have fun at the same time.



Did I mention revival a few paragraphs back? Reverend Henry Horne will be with us the first week of October. Please mark your calendars to be here for every service. Listed below is the schedule for the week:

Sunday morning service: 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday evening service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Monday-Wednesday evening: 7:00 p.m.\*

We will be serving a spaghetti meal prior to the mid-week service. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m. This will allow the clean-up crew time to be in the service.



Listed below are the prayer needs in our church:

- Judith Grant- Ms. Judith has taken a turn for the worse. She is currently in Rex Hospital with severe breathing issues.
- Patricia Register- Please continue to pray for our dear sister. She still needs the healing hand of God to perform a miracle.
- Tim Riggs-Please pray for our former pastor. His kidneys are not working, and he needs a kidney transplant.
- Carl O'Neal - The family has called hospice to help brother Carl. He is struggling to breathe and cannot enjoy life without lots of medication. Unless the Lord gives a miracle to Bro. Carl, he is running his last lap for the Lord.
- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is still struggling with abdominal pains.
- Michael Dew-Pray for Michael and Debbie as they adjust to life without Brother Kay. Also, Michael is still trying to recuperate from shoulder surgery.
- Bailey Christian Childcare
- Teresa Medlin-Ms. Teresa is improving, but still having some medical issues that affect her quality of life.
- Dottie Massey- Ms. Dottie is at home. Please pray for her continued recovery.
- 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.
- Joyce Batchelor - Ms. Joyce is in Wilson Medical Rehab. She is doing better, but the long road to recovery is extremely hard to travel.
- A. W. Pitts - A.W. is home and doing much better.
- Gail Pridgen - Ms. Gail has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for her and the doctors as they seek treatment and healing.
- Faye Bottom - This is Dottie Massey's cousin. Dottie asked us to pray for her.
- Loretta Lamm-She is Sue Lamm's daughter. They found a few suspicious lumps in her intestinal tract and are doing a biopsy

Love in Christ,

*Rev. Hal W. Jones III*

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



**Church Attendance**

**September 6th**

Wednesday Night 66

**September 10th**

Sunday School 88

Sunday Worship 142



Dear White Oak family,  
 Thank you for the donation of school supplies, drinks, water, and lunch bags. Most of all thank you for your prayers. Children are a gift from God. We are so blessed to have your support!! May God Bless you  
 Bailey Elementary St!



# IM NewsBeat

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2023

## CADIE COX REFLECTS ON HER CMP EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE

Walking into the unknown for Christ was exciting and terrifying all at the same time! On June 5, 2023, I boarded a plane by myself and flew halfway across the world from Arkansas to Nantes, France, to spend a month with David, Myriam (Mimi), and Jade Reeves, missionaries at the Saint-Sébastien Church. Twenty-four hours later, I arrived at my destination. I was welcomed with a sweet note written by my host family—the Reeves—that included this quote from Ion Keith-Falconer, "I have but one candle of light to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light." Immediately, I felt a connection with the Reeves. I had no idea how God's light was going to shine through me while in France, but I was ready to immerse myself in the culture and embrace every uncomfortable situation.

God is doing amazing things in France, and it was life-changing to experience! Mimi and David explained to me that France is a broken and dark country. That is exactly what I witnessed, a place that has no desire to know God. Therefore, a majority of my time in France was spent doing outreach events and having impactful conversations with people. We conducted English nights, Connexion Kidz events, and basically talked to anyone we met. My favorite memory was the English night we threw to celebrate the Fourth of July. Mimi and I spent almost two days preparing all the food and getting their house ready to host around 50 believers and non-believers. During that night, we played American games and had conversations in hopes of forming relationships so that we could invite new people to church, other outreach events, and share the gospel. It was a success; the next day five new people came to church!

**My life will forever be impacted because of CMP.** God has taught me He can use a broken person to reach broken people. I realized being



a missionary doesn't require anything special, just a desire to be obedient to God's plan. This was evident in the missionaries on the field as they are all human and deal with similar difficulties that I face every day. In addition, I learned that there are people in all parts of the world searching for hope. I was able to converse with people who did not have a relationship with God, but were searching for answers and hope that only He could provide. I wasn't sure what to expect in France, but God orchestrated plans better than I could have ever imagined.

God provided me with the opportunity to do CMP France for a reason. It was an unbelievable experience that helped me use my outgoing personality to thrive and taught me to be more intentional with my actions and words by sharing the love of Jesus with everyone I meet no matter where I am.

Isaiah 6:8 states, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me!" I want to encourage high school and college students to GO! If you are scared, do it anyway! If you are unsure, show up anyway! If you feel unprepared, go anyway! **Apply for CMP (or ETEAM)** as this significantly changed my life and outlook towards missions. I met extraordinary missionaries in France who have an incredible desire to serve the Lord in every capacity of their life. Everything I was a part of had a purpose and was for a purpose greater than myself. **Spending a month working with the Reeves in France, ignited my interest in international missions and my passion for working with people searching for hope.**

*Cadie Cox is a student at University of Central Arkansas studying Elementary Education. She spent several weeks with David and Mimi Reeves this summer and is currently praying about what doors might be opening for her in the future.*

## FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

**Marc Edgmon**, son of **Anthony and Lea Edgmon** in

Spain, preached his first sermon at the Alpedrete church while he was home for summer break. It was a joy to see Marc's church family support and encourage him so well.



**Jacob and Hailee Voltz** are

preparing to welcome their first child in February of 2024. Pray for Hailee and the baby to have good health and a smooth pregnancy.



**Bradley Mercer** and his fiancé **Madison Carnes** signed the lease on an apartment in Columbia, MO, only six minutes away from the University of Missouri. He will be moving into their new home on September 13. God is good! Praise Him for His hands that lead.

**Dennis Teague, Kenneth Eagleton, and Matt Price**, along with two of our Ivorian pastors, will be leading a pastoral training in Notsé, Togo, for 20 pastors. The training will take place from October 24-27.

**David and Myriam Reeves'** daughter, **Jade**, is starting school for the first time on September 5. Also, baby **Aaron** was born on August 10!



**Emily Petty** and **Osam SaKamoto** (associate pastor at Hope Alive Church) just got engaged! Pray for them as they prepare to get married and continue their ministry together in Japan.





## MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

### Matt & Cristina Price (France) —

"Bonjour, we are the Prices. We are your IM missionaries to St. Nazaire, France. Cristina and I, along with our 14-year-old twin daughters, Madeleine and Emilie, have been with IM since 2002. We currently work alongside Dennis and Carol Teague at the Eglise en bois



("The Wooden Church") since 2019. We are amazed by the way God has been moving in our church post-Covid. God has been sending us people who are asking the big questions about life, but who have not found real answers to their questions. We get the opportunity to show them how the Bible responds to their questions. Matt stays busy shepherding the church, especially in youth and children's ministries. Cristina, besides homeschooling our two high schooler daughters, entertains guests with delicious meals and meaty conversations. Madeleine and Emilie have an active role in making newcomers, especially kids and teens, feel at ease in our church. We praise the Lord for the 10 baptisms that we saw in St. Nazaire in 2022! One of the men in our church frequently reminds us, "It's just the beginning! God is moving in St. Nazaire, and we are so glad to be a part of the team!"

The Prices recently returned for their Stateside Assignment and are seeking support and funding to return to the field. Scan the QR code to partner with the Prices.

## SEE THE WORLD, SHARE THE WORD

Andrew Henley, a CMP student who served in Japan this past summer, shares powerful words about his experience: "I went on a College Missions Program trip with a desire to have fun for a bit of my summer, but came back with a burden for the people. I wasn't treated like a guy there to do busy work, but like a full-time missionary. God opened my eyes to the need that is in Japan." If you or a college student you know is interested in seeing the world and sharing the Word, apply for CMP 2024 opportunities by October 6 at [www.iminc.org](http://www.iminc.org).



## ETeam 2024: APPLICATIONS OPEN

This past summer, over 80 students served through ETeam. Next year, students who have completed 10th-12th grade can discover



their role in the Great Commission through ETeam and will dive into the theme of abiding in the one true Vine (John 15:5). We are already excited for ETeam 2024 taking place on June 8-28! We will continue in our mission of training and equipping mission-minded students to build relationships, actively abide in Christ, and make disciples both now and in the future. We are also taking applications for ETeam leaders and interns. Applications are due by October 6. To apply, visit [www.iminc.org](http://www.iminc.org).



## WMO 2023: GENEROUS GIVING

Thank you for your generosity and gifts to the World Missions Offering! We have heard reports of gifts from all across our denomination that will push us toward our \$1 million goal. You can still make plans to give through the end of the year or set up a recurring monthly donation to the WMO.



"As individuals and as a congregation, it is our scriptural duty to spread the Gospel message. The WMO provides a tremendous opportunity for investing eternally and laying up treasures in heaven."

—Luke Bozeman (AL)

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Your partnership in the Gospel yields dividends around the world in lives changed and churches planted. If you would like to discuss ways to see that impact continue long-term, call 1-877-767-7736 for information on Planned Gifts or Estate Planning.

## PRAYER FOCUS



Pray with us for the many students who are answering the call to go on short-term mission trip opportunities next summer with ETeam or the College Missions Program. Pray that each student would follow the Lord's leading and open their hearts to the fact that there are people around the world who still need to hear the Gospel.

## STATESIDE MISSIONARIES

Many Stateside missionaries are 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, simply scan the QR code to visit our website and view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

