

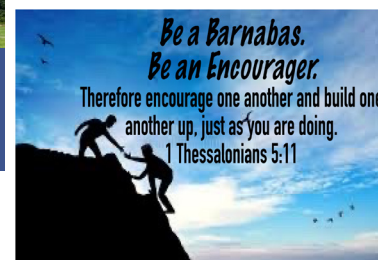


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White Oak Newsletter  
White Oak Hill  
Free Will Baptist Church



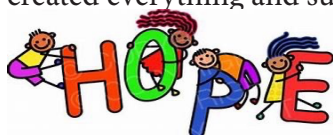
From Pastor Hal

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This past Sunday was Back to Church Sunday. It was a wonderful service and I certainly appreciate everyone who was able to attend the service. Thank you ladies (Amanda, Stacey, and Anna) for the special music As we continue our series from David Jeremiah's book, "The God You May Not Know", the message centered on the eternal nature of God. It's comforting to know that whatever season of life we enter, God is already there. Our best interest is always at the center of God's heart. Even when that means the seasons are to grow. The season is to grow more faith, patience, etc. It's comforting to think a God who created everything in the world still wants me to give Him my troubles. It's amazing to know that our God, who created everything and sustains everything, still wants me to give Him all my cares.

**1 Peter 5: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**



H.O.P.E. Ministries is going very well. Our church has been able to encourage the teachers at Southern Nash Middle School every week. Last week, Jonathan and I took 16 cases of water, two boxes of treats, two boxes of chips, and about 3 cases of soda. Thank you so much for your continued support to encourage these teachers. Of course, prayer is the best thing we can do for our teachers. Let me remind you in this newsletter to take a moment and pray for our educators.



Let me also remind the young people of two very big activities left in September. The all-night lock-in is this Friday from 7 p.m.-9 a.m. Please get with Jonathan for more details. Also, the College and Career class is going outdoor paintballing the last Saturday of the month. The departure time is 10:15 and they will return at 2:15. Lunch will be served at the Paintball Complex.



The Sonshine Club will gather for some great food and fellowship on October 7 at 5:00 p.m. Brother Joe and Ms. Tracey are thinking about serving a Mexican dinner for this event. But we need your input! Seniors, please let us know if this meal sounds appealing. Of course, everyone over 50 is invited to join the fun. We have such a good time.



Since October is just around the corner: do you know what major holiday happens every October? That's right! HALLOWEEN! According to Investopedia, 10.14 billion dollars was spent in 2021 to celebrate Halloween. Of course, we do not celebrate Halloween. It was wicked in its conception and it's still a very wicked holiday. Our church offers a great alternative each year. We host a Harvest Festival night. It provides a healthy, wholesome alternative for all the children. Our Harvest Festival will take place on October 31st from 6-8 p.m. The church will still do many of the exciting things we have done in the past. Slides, mechanical bull, hot dogs, cake auction, etc. Many of you know this event needs a lot of helping hands. We hope you will consider being a volunteer for this huge event. The church needs your help! There are three ways everyone can be a blessing.

- Sign up to be a volunteer during the Harvest Festival.
- Donate a bag of candy for the children.
- Come enjoy a hot dog and have some fun at the event.

After all, adults can have fun too!



The week scheduled for the Fall revival is very close. I sincerely pray our entire church senses the urgency for revival at White Oak and America. Please pray and plan to be in every service! Israel didn't defeat AI because one family decided to do their own thing. Don't be that family! Come and be a part of the great things the Lord would like to do in our church. Reverend Henry Horne is praying, and we are praying. Listed below is the schedule for the week and the preacher's address if you want to encourage him:

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

**Rev. Henry Horne**  
**109 Ridgecrest Dr**  
**Mount Olive, NC 27865**

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.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Listed below are the prayer needs in our church:

Judith Grant- Ms. Judith is hope from Rex hospital. Praise the Lord!! But she is still a very sick lady. Please pray specifically for her lungs to function normally.

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 is running his last lap for the Lord.

Melisa Belcher- Melissa is still struggling with abdominal pains.

Loretta Lamm-She is Sue Lamm's daughter. They found a few suspicious lumps in her intestinal tract and are doing a biopsy.

Geraldine Tuck- She is doing much better. But please continue to pray for continued recovery.

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.

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.

Love in Christ,

*Rev. Hal W. Jones III*

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



## Church Attendance

### September 13th

Wednesday Night 82

### September 17th

Sunday School 79

Sunday Worship 142

# Project Hickory SUMMER UPDATE

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## EQUIP CHURCH

### EQUIP KIDS Back to School Bash

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On August 19, Equip hosted our first Back to School Bash at Longview Elementary School. Our church provided games, food, and prizes for all of the children and their families. We were able to connect with 145 first time guests during this fun event.

We have also been given the opportunity to participate in Longview Elementary's Open House. Our church will be distributing Shoe Vouchers to every student. We especially want to thank each church and individual who made this possible by giving to our Longview Shoe Drive Fund. If you would like to see pictures from any of these events, please visit Project Hickory's Facebook Page.



ONE-DAY  
Mission Trip

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
**11AM-4PM @ EQUIP CHURCH**

#### Serve at a Church plant

Come reach out to the community around Equip Church and be a part of this new church plant.

#### Hear from Cliff Donoho

Be encouraged by hearing from our State Mission Board Chairman and Pastor, Cliff Donoho.

#### Schedule

9AM - Registration  
9:30 - Lunch  
10:00 - Service  
11:00 - Games  
Location: Longview Elementary  
227 Oak St. SE Hickory, NC 28602

HOSTED BY  
NC YOUTH MIN. ORG.



Please RSVP



Please be in prayer for our Grand Opening Service on September 17. We are so excited about what God has in store for Equip Church. Our team has already been able to make numerous contacts with people in Hickory and expect God to do great things! We have seen success in our four Preview Services and are ready to begin worshipping weekly as a church starting in September. If you plan to attend our Grand Opening Service, please let us know at [info@equiphickory.church](mailto:info@equiphickory.church).

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It has been an exciting Summer for the Equip Team. We began the summer with our first four preview services and we are thankful for several first-time visitors who joined us. Please pray for our upcoming Grand Opening Service on September 17. We are encouraging each of you to commit to pray for Equip Church at 9:17 each day. Please pray that our church will equip God's people to do His work and build His church!

## SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

**PEACE FWB**  
Wilson, NC



In June, we were blessed to have Peace Church in Wilson, NC bring 18 middle school students and 5 adults to help with several outreach opportunities in Hickory. Our team was able to volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and the Hickory Parks and Rec. cleaning up the Glenn Hilton Park. We also held a Loads of Love event at a local



laundry mat and passed out popsicles in the park. The team from Peace Church were such a blessing and did an great job sharing Christ in Hickory.



**MEADOWBROOK FWB**  
Black Mountain, NC

**UNION CHAPEL FWB**  
Chocowinity, NC



In July, Union Chapel FWB in Chocowinity, NC brought a group to help with several outreach projects as well. They were able to help with door-to-door outreach and some activities in our local park. UC also attended our third service where several first-time guests attended as well. One of those guests came because of the outreach efforts that weekend.

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