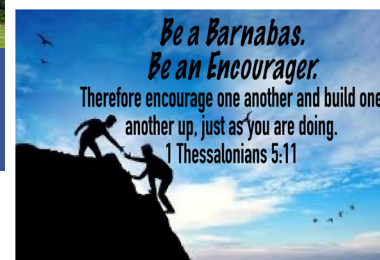




From Pastor Hal



In the third chapter of Paul's epistle to the church at Colossae, Paul wrote:

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



This past weekend was amazing. The Sonshine Club enjoyed a wonderful Mexican meal provided by the Johnson family. Angela Salazar heated things up with her special hot salsa. It was insane that four people could eat her extremely smoking salsa like it was ice cream. Their ability to consume the Mexican treat prompted me to try some. I may never forgive them! (LOL) Special thanks to Angela for making the salsa and to Sarah Manning for her special homemade dessert.



Cindy and I are always amazed at how our church family loves on us each year. We consider it an honor to serve the Lord at White Oak Hill with such wonderful people. The special amount of love poured on us during Pastor Appreciation Sunday helped make a difficult day a little easier to endure. Thank you for the beautiful cards, the cake, and the \$200 gift from the church. As always, you helped lighten the load we were forced to carry. Following the words of our Lord in Colossians 3, White Oak Hill:

- Put on love.
- Allowed the peace of God to rule (even through the tears we shared during the service).
- United as one body to glorify the King of Kings with thankful hearts.
- We dwelled in God's Word focusing on Our Good God!
- We praised the Lord in song.

What a weekend!!



Many of you have asked how my mother is doing this week. I hope you don't mind if I give an update. Unfortunately, she was placed in hospice care this past Sunday. The medical team transported her from Rocky Mount to the Wilmington Lower Cape Fear Hospice facility. As you would imagine, she is getting weaker by the day. I am writing this newsletter Monday evening, and she can barely talk. Mom hears what we are saying but she can only say a few words at the volume of a whisper. Many of our family members came by to see Mom and share some love today. When Cindy and I left this evening, Mom was awake and joined us as we listened to Beulah Land. It was a sweet moment accompanied by tears flowing down our cheeks. We were able to pray together after the song. I thank the Lord we were able to talk about Jesus and Heaven in Rocky Mount. Please pray for us as we seek strength and wisdom in the coming days. Cindy and I love you all! Thank you for being so patient and kind.



Many of you may not realize one of the missionaries we support is in Israel during this time of war. Please pray for the safety of Steven Arnold and his wife as they seek to win souls in the Holy Land. And of course, let's PRAY FOR ISRAEL. 1 BattleCry, Sept/Oct 2023, pg.1, Chick Publications

October Happenings

Mark your calendars!

- October 18th-We will have our 3rd quarter business meeting.
- October 21st-The teens will be going to the state fair.
- October 31st-The Harvest festival will be from 6-8 p.m. (Volunteers and Candy needed)

*And let's not forget to be a part of H.O.P.E. Ministries. The teachers need our help and our gifts of encouragement.



Listed below are the prayer needs in our church:

- Judith Grant- Please pray for Ms. Judith! 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 family- Brother Carl passed away last week. His memorial service will be on November 18th.
- Melisa Belcher- Melissa is home recovering from Bacterial Meningitis. She is taking antibiotics and is on an IV drip. Please pray for her recovery.
- Loretta Lamm-She is Sue Lamm's daughter. They found a few suspicious lumps in her intestinal tract and are doing a biopsy.
- Bailey Christian Childcare -Specifically everyone can get healthy.
- Teresa Medlin-Ms. Teresa is improving, but still having some medical issues that affect her quality of life.
- Randy Bass Family- Randy's grandmother passed away this past week.
- 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. Also, the center has had a COVID outbreak. Pray Ms. Joyce and Brother Don stay healthy.
- 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.
- Jean Jones- Pray for mom as she is in hospice care.
- Harold Brantley- Brother Harold is home but not well yet. Please pray for him and Ms. Nancy.
- Peggy Bunn - Please pray for Ms. Peggy as she regains her strength.

- Israel - Let's pray for peace!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



Church Attendance

October 4th

Wednesday Night 105

October 8th

Sunday School 93

Sunday Worship 165



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Dear Friends,

Learning Hebrew is hard, but I (Jenna) didn't expect to feel overwhelmed to the point of tears on the third day of class. My desire to learn Hebrew started feeling like an impossible task, but the words from a prayer in *Liturgies and Laments for the Sojourner* comforted me. An excerpt from the prayer says, "Sustain us in our language learning journey. Help us to speak the language of the people among whom we dwell, so that we might grow closer in our relationships with others. Give us the posture of humility, as we ask for help and seek to understand. May we die to self and realize our complete dependence on You." By God's grace I have completed Aleph, the first level of Hebrew. Please continue to pray for us as we study this wonderful language.

During my class, I met several Jewish people with whom I was able to share my faith. One of those people was Caroline,* a Jewish woman I met one day after class. My friend Cat and I were working on homework, and Caroline started talking with us. The conversation was light, and Cat was able to share that she is a Jewish believer in Jesus. Suddenly Caroline began discussing divisive social issues about which we as believers do not agree with her, and we quietly listened until I felt the Spirit nudge me to speak about God's holiness and His desire for us to be holy. She politely listened and then left to do her own homework. Please pray Caroline's heart will be softened and she'll come to know God's desire to make her holy like He is holy.

Please also pray that Dana,* another student in my class, will come to know her Jewish Messiah as well. I've been able to share part of my testimony with her and talk about the rest I've received through my relationship with God. When I first brought up that I believe in Jesus, she seemed uncomfortable, but she has continued to speak with me. I'm hoping to continue sharing my faith with her.

Thank you for praying for us as we continue to love the Jewish people and share the hope of Jesus with them.

In Messiah,

The Arnolds



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Thank you for giving so we can learn Hebrew and share the Gospel with Israel! Jenna and I have finished our first Hebrew intensives, and we have been visiting the Israelis with whom we shared the Gospel in South America earlier this year. We are praying for more opportunities to share our faith with them. Thank you for making this possible!

In Messiah,
The Arnolds

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