

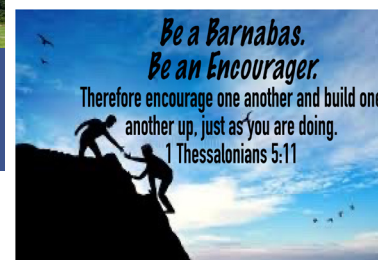


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From Pastor Hal

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This past June I received an email from Samaritan's Purse giving the results of the Operation Christmas Child Campaign last year. Our church's effort to be a part of this year's shoebox collection is well underway. Let me share a portion of the email I received in June.

We praise God for your partnership in the Gospel in 2022. In the United States, we collected 9.3 Million shoebox gifts last year, and 19,432 of those came from right here in our 6 counties of the Coastal Plain NC Area Team.

**Our theme verse across the Carolinas for the year ahead is Ephesians 3:20-21, which states, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."**

**We chose this verse because we have seen God do Immeasurably More in our lives, our Area Team and around the world through Operation Christmas Child! Today, we would like to invite you to join us as we praise Him for all the ways He is using simple shoebox gifts to change lives and communities worldwide.**

**Please join us as we go BEYOND THE BOX. We will share details about the amazing impact of the ministry and different ways you can deepen your commitment to sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth this year.**

Last year tens of thousands of children gave their life to Christ through the impactful program of Operation Christmas Child. Let me encourage everyone to brighten a child's Christmas and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Thus far our church has collected 121 shoeboxes. Let me encourage every reader to join us as we go "BEYOND THE BOX." Each of us can make a difference. Here's how.

- Take a shoebox from the display in the foyer.
- Fill the shoebox with some of the suggested items already provided for the appropriate age group. (I normally get mine at the Dollar Tree).
- Give just \$10 to help Samaritan's Purse ship the shoeboxes around the world.
- The shoebox deadline is November 12th. This way the gifts can reach the children prior to Christmas.

A special thank you to everyone who has already given to this wonderful ministry. You're amazing!



Now let's look ahead to some fun events at the church. Our Harvest Festival is next Tuesday!! We are so excited to host this wonderful activity for our community. Please don't forget to take some flyers and pass them out to your neighbors. We still need volunteers to supervise the Bounce House, Mini-Golf, Bowling, and go fish games. Would you consider helping us by volunteering at one of these play stations? We will even give you a hot dog for your sacrifice. LOL We also need CANDY, CANDY, and more (can you guess?) CANDY!



\*Also, don't forget the Women of White Oak will host a dessert auction. All the proceeds will go to support missions.



While we are on the subject of our fantastic women's ministry. Were you aware that Beacon Baptist Church is hosting the East Coast Ladies Retreat this year? This retreat is always a very special time of spiritual renewal for the ladies who attend. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer if you would like to reserve your spot. Please see Mrs. Christy Bryant if you have any questions.



OOPS! I made a mistake in last week's newsletter. Since our Homecoming service is on November 5th, the Sonshine Club will meet on November 11th. The Johnsons will be serving Chicken and Pastry along with chicken salad, collards, and a sweet potato casserole. Please let us know if you are coming to the meeting. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



In just two short weeks, we will celebrate the Lord's goodness to White Oak Hill FWB Church for the last 136 years. The Sounds of Praise Ensemble will bring our special music and Rev. Jim Marcum (a former pastor) will bring the morning message. Please mark your calendars and clocks for two important changes that weekend.

The service will start at 10:00 a.m., not 10:30 a.m.

We will set our clocks back one hour on November 4th.

The church is going to order Parker's Barbeque and fried chicken. But we are asking members to prepare some home-cooked dishes and some desserts to help feed the crowd. Also, a sign-up sheet is located in the foyer if you don't mind helping us set up or take down the decorations. Mrs. Sharon Dew is spearheading the preparations phase.

Will someone volunteer to coordinate the breakdown phase after the meal? Just let me know if you will help in this area. Of course, the best way to partner with us for Homecoming is to pray. Let's pray for souls to be saved and for God to be glorified! Don't forget the date is November 5th. Thank you in advance for everything you do for the Lord at White Oak Hill. It's going to be a phenomenal day!



The National Association Of Free Will Baptists has designated November 7 as a national day of prayer and fasting for Free Will Baptists around the world. They are asking everyone to designate this day as a specific time to pray and fast for:

- The Next Generation
- The Church
- One Another
- The Hurting
- May I add- let's pray for Israel!



PRAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION	PRAY FOR THE CHURCH	PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER	PRAY FOR THE HURTING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Pray we will disciple them effectively (2 Timothy 2:1-2).</li> <li>+ Ask God to help us reach &amp; disciple kids (Psalm 78:1-8).</li> <li>+ Pray for discipling of couples &amp; parents (Titus 2:1-8).</li> <li>+ Pray for college students &amp; international students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For new Christians (Ephesians 3:17).</li> <li>For pastors (1 Timothy 2:1-3).</li> <li>For ministry families (Philemon 4-5).</li> <li>For struggling churches (Colossians 1:11).</li> <li>For other churches (Ephesians 6:18).</li> <li>For church plants &amp; planters.</li> <li>For college students.</li> <li>For giving &amp; givers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ For workers (Matthew 9:35-38).</li> <li>+ That our unity will testify to the world (John 17:20-26).</li> <li>+ For fellowship with other believers (Psalm 133).</li> <li>+ For wisdom through conflicts (Nehemiah 6:1-16).</li> <li>+ For the sick (James 5:15-16).</li> <li>+ For wisdom (James 1:1-8).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widows (Psalm 146)</li> <li>Orphans (Psalm 68)</li> <li>The addicted (James 1:12-13)</li> <li>Those in debt (Philippians 4:19)</li> <li>Neighbors (Mark 12:31)</li> <li>Government (1 Timothy 2:1-2)</li> <li>Those impacted by disasters (Psalm 34:18)</li> </ul>
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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 - Please don't forget 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.
- Glenda Carroll - Please pray for Glenda. The tumor seems to be stable, but she needs our prayers. She is still taking medication for shingles.
- Teresa Medlin - Ms. Teresa had a spot removed from her face yesterday. And she is still feeling very weak.
- Thomas Wall - Thomas was admitted to Nash General Monday suffering from fluid around the heart. He was also having a difficult time breathing. Today (Tuesday) he was feeling much better.
- 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.
- Harold Brantley - Brother Harold is home and doing better. Please continue to pray for him and Ms. Nancy.
- Peggy Bunn - She is doing much better, But let's continue to 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

<u>October 18th</u>	
Wednesday Night	75
<u>October 22nd</u>	
Sunday School	84
Sunday Worship	147

# 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.



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.*

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

## 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.

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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.

## 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 15. 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)

## 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.

