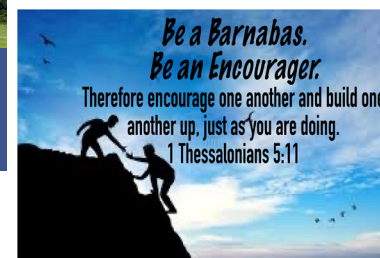


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White Oak Hill
Free Will Baptist Church



From Pastor Hal

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Can you feel the excitement at the church? There are so many wonderful events happening at White Oak and I am excited to be a part of what our good God is allowing us to do for Him. We have been learning about "The God You May Not Know" on Sunday mornings. Using Dr. David Jeremiah's book by the same name as a guide, we have enjoyed some great Spirit-filled services. To supplement our focus on Sunday mornings, I came across something on Facebook that gave me some "Happy Feet!" Please let me share it with you.

In Matthew Christ is our Messiah!

In Mark He is our Servant King!

In Luke He is our Great Physician!

In John He is the Son of God!

In Acts He is the Risen Lord

In Romans He is our Righteousness

In Corinthians He is our Holiness

In Galatians He is our Justification

In Ephesians He is our Perfection

In Philippians He is our Provider

In Colossians He is our Hope!

In Thessalonians He is our Coming King

In Timothy He is our Shepherd

In Titus He is our Rewarder

In Philemon He is our Encourager

In Hebrews He is our High Priest

In James He is our Wisdom

In Peter He is our Inheritance

In John He is our Lover

In Jude He is our Warrior

In Revelation He is the Alpha and Omega! The Beginning and the End!



And aren't we glad He is our Friend! Our Savior! And all we need! Whatever your need is today, Jesus can meet that need. Thank you, Lord!

HOMEcoming

This Sunday the church will celebrate its 136th birthday. One of the former pastors, Rev. Jim Marcum will bring the morning message. And the Sounds of Praise ensemble will be bringing our special music on our big day. They always do an amazing job singing for the Lord. We love music and I am going to ask them to sing a lot of songs this Sunday. After the service, we will enjoy a potluck meal (supplemented by Parkers' Barbeque and fried chicken) in the Family Life Center. I hope everyone will stay to fellowship around the table. Would you mind partnering with us to help make the day go smoothly? Listed below are ways you can help.

- Pray! Pray! Pray! Pray for our outreach, our service, the message, and souls to be saved.
- Bring your special dish, a dessert, and a 2-liter soda.
- Be a volunteer to set up the decorations or sign up to break down the tables and chairs after the meal.
- INVITE your friends, family, and neighbors to the church's birthday party.
- Be present!! Your absence is noticed and your presence is missed. We love you and want you to be a part of our big day.
- Mrs. Sharon Dew will start decorating the F.L.C. at 3 p.m. this Friday. So far, only Robyn and Barbara have offered assistance. Seniors-this is an area you can help. Would you mind letting me or Mrs. Sharon know you'll be there this Friday? Let's make the place beautiful for our special day.

Every year the church designates the Homecoming offering to a special need in the church. Many of you know getting Baily Christians Childcare has taken a lot of patience. And it's taken a lot of hard work. Thank you to everyone who has helped get the church this far in the county's approval process. Due to the many improvements to the church and the length of time for the final approval; the BCC bank account is very low. We still need to put in a fire alarm system and an exit door. The Leadership team has decided to place all the undesignated offerings this Homecoming in the B.C.C. account. We hope the church will help us cross the finish line to get the childcare up and running for our community. Please give generously this Sunday to make this vision a reality. Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support of this vital ministry of White Oak Hill FWB Church.



This Homecoming we will also remember the dear saints who graduated to Heaven this year. On Sunday we will honor and remember Lucille Beasley, Brenda Dawes, Billy John Dew, John Kay Dew, Carl O'Neal, and Jean Jones. We cherish these dear saints and miss each one of them. They are some very special people. In their memory, a gift will be given to the family during the Homecoming service. **AND DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR THIS SATURDAY EVENING!**



Please don't forget the 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 attend. Please see Mrs. Christy Bryant if you have any questions.



Last year tens of thousands of children gave their life to Christ through the impactful program. 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 132 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 Samaritans 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! al 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!



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.
- Teresa Medlin- Ms. Teresa is still feeling very weak.
- Thomas Wall- Thomas is feeling much better and is on oxygen tube at home.
- 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. 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 at home and doing better. Please continue to pray for him and Ms. Nancy.
- Peggy Bunn- She is doing much better. She was at church yesterday. Let's continue to pray for Ms. Peggy as she regains her strength.
- Israel - Let's pray for peace!
- Lisa Snow—(Dewey & Ann Pitt's daughter). She is having some issues with her medicine. She has been discharged from Rex Hospital and is now recovering at home.
- The homecoming service and Rev. Jimmy Marcum
- Jimmy Worrell - (Bobby Worrell's brother). He has sepsis, and he is at Rex Hospital.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal

Galatians 2:20



Church Attendance

October 25th

Wednesday Night 80

October 29th

Sunday School 83

Sunday Worship 141



Nick, Candy, Kaleb, & Kasey Corlata

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For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

What a gift—the love of God—seen so clearly in Jesus Christ! How amazing it is that nothing can separate us from His love! We are His beloved children and His love for us is everlasting! May we ever seek to please Him as we live out our lives on this earth.

We are thankful for this time of summer. Candy and the kids, Kaleb and Kasey, have enjoyed their break from schooling! Please pray for this new school year to be one of successful learning and development. Kaleb is beginning the eleventh grade and Kasey is starting the ninth grade. Candy continues to teach English as a foreign language at the local high school for grades 10-12.

In July, we were excited to have VBS for the children of the village. It was a time of fun, games, crafts and learning about Jesus. We had more than 100 kids every day. What a blessing it is to be able to minister to the community.

We are excited to give you an update on the construction at the church. The walls are ready to be painted, and the kitchen cabinets have been ordered. We are planning for the interior to be completed in September! Praise the Lord! With that done, just the parking lot and steps are remaining. We pray that we will be able to start the work on that this fall. Thank you again for your involvement in the construction of our church.

We ask that you continue to pray for Bethany Church. Pray for the members that they will be "a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19). May we shine so that the Truth may be seen in Moldova. Continue to pray for Nicolae and Daria for their need of Christ, as well as teens in the church. Also, pray for Nadejda. This lady visited with us this summer when she was home visiting. She repented and became a follower of Christ! Next month, she will be baptized along with some other candidates. We praise the Lord that He continues to work in hearts and lives. We are planning on having a special service for baptism and giving thanks for the harvest. Please be in prayer for the month of September.

Because of Him,

Nick & Candy Corlata



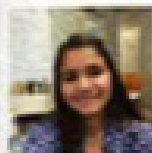


The Jones Family

Jeff, Johanna, Daryelys, Jaiel, & Jeffrey

We Are Moving in Closer

Hello from the Jones Family here in Panama. We have had a few changes since our last newsletter. After about 5 years in the same location, we have moved the church to another location. We were having issues with the old location; and God allowed us to find a house closer to the center of town. It is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house with a carport and shelter back area. The house has a small backyard which we hope to put a roof over eventually. The new church location is within walking distance of the main bus stop in town. It is on the same street as one of the main high schools in town.



Many teens walk past the front of the church daily. We had our first service the last Sunday in May. We were then blessed with a visit from Brother Chad Reel with his wife Missy, along with Johnathan and Heather Posten, with a group of young people from First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina. This group was such a blessing to the church and our family. They worked hard painting and decorating areas in the church. They purchased new nursery equipment, a ping pong table (yeah, the kids love it), along with all the paint, etc. that was needed. They all helped distribute tracts and invite people to church. On Sunday morning, the young ladies sang a couple of specials and one of the young men, Rodney, preached the morning message.

Also arriving on the same day was Sister Heidi Alvarez, a Southeastern student from Tabernacle Free Will Baptist in Kinston, N.C. She stayed in our home for the month of June. Heidi was like family from the start. She helped in the service playing piano and in junior church. During her time here, she also helped my son, Jeffrey with school work. In our last newsletter, we had written about the van we purchased and the need of \$4500 to pay that off. We are praising the Lord and thanking the folks of Tabernacle Free Will Baptist that helped cover this cost. We are bringing many to church every service. Upon moving, we were aware that we would need to put a roof over the backyard area because we would quickly outgrow the space inside. We are in the process of getting builders to assess the cost to build the roof and what is needed. Our plans to purchase land have not changed; we are still praying and looking. Whatever we build here, we will take with us when the Lord allows us to purchase land. This project will cost between \$6000-\$8000, of which we are thankful to Brother Craig Senter and the Baptist Men's Ministry. Others have already raised \$2200 of the money needed.

Please continue to pray for our immigration papers because this dictates when we will be able to come on furlough to visit many of you. The answer to the first step in the process may not come until December. Please pray! If you or your church would like to help support the work in Panama, your support can be sent to Faith Church or give online at www.faithfwb.com by designating to the Jones' Account. We thank you for your prayers and financial support that makes it possible for us to serve the Lord here in Panama. We LOVE YOU in CHRIST JESUS!

The Jones Family
Jeff, Johanna, Daryelys, Jaiel, and Jeffrey

Prayer Requests:

1. Health Issues
2. Immigration papers
3. Funds for building
4. Land Fund
5. Family

Thank You So Much For Your Faithful Support!

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