

BIRTHdays



*Holly Lotts
Charlotte Meadows
Nick Jones
Colin Maryman
Justin Northrup
Grant Renard
Tracey Chappell
Susan McDaniel
James Weeks, Jr.
Julia Slack
Chayla Parker
Lane Thomas
Emersyn Stumpf
Freda Weaver
Kyra Thompson
Dirk Smiley
Cameron Smiley*

*August 1st
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IN TOUCH

AUGUST 2020

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCH events

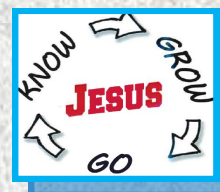
- Saturday, August 1st, 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at the home of Nancy Thomas
- Sunday, August 2nd, COMMUNION
- Monday, August 3rd, 6:30pm Church Board



OUR VISION:

**To be transformed lives
being used to transform
the world.**

OUR MISSION:



JUST A thought

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the new roof over our heads! As is the case often with the Lord, your obedient response to our divinely inspired roof has done more for our family than just keep us dry.

For almost a year now, I (Tracey) have been hearing the Lord say "get your house ready." Ready for what? I have no idea! Does He have another house for us? Are we moving? Is someone going to need a place to stay and we are where they will land? Will we be hosting people more often in our home? What does "get your house ready mean?" Peace and joy come when I don't have to know why but I just obey! And I will let you know that the very first place to begin was replacing our roof—all other repairs to the house began with that one BIG project. So thank you for providing the first step in walking out what we hear the Lord saying. There is no doubt that He will provide for that which He leads us in!

Thank you also for your investment in our kids growing in knowledge and experience of God's faithfulness. They have walked this journey with us of trusting the Lord to protect the house while we waited for His provision and leading regarding the roof. We, in our limited thinking, figured the extra income from side jobs and good stewardship was His means of provision. So by faith as a family we would pray "thank you for a roof Lord" not knowing what that would look like. Never did it cross our minds that it would come through all of you! The kids rejoiced with us!! While the kids and I were visiting my family in NY and Dave was back here ready for the roofers, the kids asked every day "have they started the roof? Is it finished yet?" As we got in the van to come home, they all said, "we can't wait to see the new roof!" There's not too many kids that get excited about a roof, but I think it's more than that for our kids—
(Continued after "A Bucket Of Blessings")

READINGplan

S.O.A.P BIBLE STUDY

SCRPTURE – WRITE OUT ONE VERSE OR PASSAGE THAT WAS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

OBSERVATION – WHAT ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS YOU CAN MAKE ABOUT THE PASSAGE? WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT DO YOU LEARN?

APPPLICATION – HOW CAN YOU MAKE THIS PASSAGE PERSONAL? WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY, TO APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE?

PRAYER – WRITE OUT A PRAYER TO THE LORD. ASK HIM TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR APPLICATION, OR TO REVEAL MORE THINGS ABOUT THIS TEXT, OR TO FIND WAYS TO SHARE WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING WITH OTHERS.

AUGUST

1 - Is. 65-66; Ps. 62; Jn 3
2 - 2 Ki. 21; 2 Chr. 33; Jn. 4
3 - Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5
4 - 2 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 34; Jn. 6
5 - 2 Ki. 23; 2 Chr. 35; Jn. 7.
6 - Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8
7 - Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9
8 - Jer. 1-2; Jn. 10
9 - Jer. 3-4; Jn. 11
10 - Jer. 5-6; Jn. 12
11 - Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13
12 - Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14
13 - Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15
14 - Jer. 16-17; Ps 96; Jn. 16
15 - Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17

16 - 2 Ki.24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18
17 - Jer. 23, 25; Jn. 19
18 - Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20
19 - Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 21
20 - Jer 48-49; Ps 67; 1 Jn. 1
21 - Jer. 21, 24, 27; Ps. 118; 1 Jn. 2
22 - Jer. 28-30; 1 Jn. 3
23 - Jer. 31-32; 1 Jn. 4
24 - Jer. 33-34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5
25 - Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; 2 Jn.
26 - Jer. 50-51; 3 Jn.
27 - Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144
28 - Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2
29 - Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3
30 - Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4
31 - Ezek. 12-14; Rev. 5

A BUCKET OF BLESSINGS

White Hill Church showed its support of Brethren Woods by dousing a group of ministry leaders on July 26. Church members made a donation to the camp, which has persevered through a year of canceled programs and laid-off counselors. Each donation added another gallon of water to the bucket of skid steer, happily operated by Mitch Moore. At the receiving end of the downpour were (from left to right) Tyler Meadows, Ken Slack, Tracey Chappell and Dave Chappell. White Hill Church of the Brethren has raised more than \$1,850.00 for Brethren Woods, including \$1,200 from the "Bucket of Blessings" event.



JUST A thought (cont.)

a stone has been laid in the foundation of their lives that God is good, He is faithful, He knows our needs, He hears their prayers, and His Church is amazing! Thank you. We should have invited you all over during the first rain we got after the roof was completed—there was great joy and thankfulness! When our older kids were younger, we had memorized a verse as a family from Isaiah 32:18—"My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest."

It's always awesome when they experience for themselves the fulfillment of His promises! Thank you again—your kindness and generosity to our family goes beyond this natural realm where a tangible need was met. We don't know in what way yet specifically, but by faith we know it is "beyond anything we could ever ask or image as we allow His power to work in us!" We love you!

Dave & Tracey and the kids

Sharon

If ministry teams have any minutes, please give them to Teresa (or email them to her). Some things that we've had to do during this time we would like to continue ... such as the 6 a.m. prayer service... it has been a blessing. Here are some thoughts/ideas regarding VBS: *Could we have VBS with just our children?*

Have an all-day VBS.

We believe the Lord has plans, let's dig in and see what it's going to look like. Keep it very simplified...15-20 minutes of worship, bible story, recreation, snack time. Groups would be kept small.

We could have a workday as we build relationships with others. Camp out on the hill for a few days. Ministry teams could be working together along with the kids. Painting needs to be done in the church. Fellowship could help the kids with meals to feed homeless (Reprieve)

Eat together, fellowship together

VBS on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

... these could be project days

Saturday would be a Fun Day & Meal

What have you done that you've been forced to do during this time that you'd like to continue doing?

**Tithing has been wonderful and that our children have seen us leaving our tithes at the table. Maybe we could do this once a month.*

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

Ken Slack reported that Brethren Woods had to decide not have camps this year. It was a very hard decision to make. Family Weekends will be offered at some point. They are asking for help from churches and communities (\$50,000) in costs. Is there something we can do to help support them as they are a HUGE outreach ministry? Could we adopt a staff member at Brethren Woods? There are 10 staff members and that would be \$3000 each. We could encourage them by raising money and writing them letters. How do we make this happen? How about an ice water challenge? Be in prayer about this. Do we have a time frame? Spring Festival? Dunk the Dunker? We'll come up with a recommendation and get it out to the congregation.

Reprieve

Frankie & Dawn gave an update on all of the things going on in that ministry. Dawn will email the Reprieve Report to Teresa.

Dave closed with Prayer and Communion.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Beard, Church Board Clerk

MISSIONARY update (cont.)

not be possible, we are wondering if there might be mission-minded builders, contractors, handy-men in our supporting churches who would be interested in a mission trip to Lyndhurst, VA to help with work that needs to be done on our old house (built in 1929). When we were forced to return from Mexico six years ago due to health reasons, were able to purchase this house which seemed very solid at the time. Since that time, we have discovered a leaky roof (which has been replaced, but still has one major leak which four different roofers have not been able to stop), no insulation in the walls and barely any in the attic, limited moisture barrier under the house which results in moisture/mold problems, and now the sagging kitchen floor. The estimate for the kitchen work alone is \$10,000 to \$12,000, of which labor is the largest expense. So far, we have not been able to refinance due to other issues (peeling paint on windows, foundation work, etc.) which need to be taken care of in order to be able to pass the appraisal (yes, you can fail an appraisal—we did!). Would you pray with us that God would bring this about?

We are so very grateful for your prayers and financial support which are the very backbone of our ministry. We pray for our supporting churches on a regular basis and ask God to keep you strong and your vision for missions strong, as that is the very heart of God. May you continue to serve Him in strength and in faith, and may He continue to bless you as you are obedient to Him. THE HEBRONS

MISSIONARY update

How is it that during a time when many people are out of work and seem to not have much to do, we are busier than ever? But it is true. Three weeks from now, the seminary opens for classes again, and Dean is in full swing to be ready with some major changes to his schedule (requires extra work), and we are still trying to get the house ready for an appraisal should the rates drop again, so that we can possibly refinance the house and take care of the sagging kitchen floor. And, there is always the yard work that has to be done this time of year.

At this point in time, the seminary is planning on reopening on site with students in the dorms. However, that could always change due to government regulations concerning the virus. Mexico has been hit very hard, and many hospitals are struggling to keep up with the number of patients. More of our students, graduates now ministering in Mexico, and seminary staff have now had the virus and have recovered or are recovering. All planning for classes has to be done with this possible last minute change in mind, which would require different types of presentations for individual internet classes. Also, Dean's doctrine class has been expanded from a semester course to a year course, and he is scrambling to plan out new material. This is a good change though, and he is excited about more time to present important issues. We obviously feel that doctrine is one of the most important classes offered (2 Timothy 4:3; Titus 2:1), so we praise God for this change. Also, Dean has four classes to teach this coming semester, and that is a heavy load.

A couple of days ago, one of Dean's students who is working with youth, contacted him about doing an online video challenge for a mixed group (Spanish and English speakers) of youth on August 2nd. This seems a bit confusing, but an exciting opportunity

nonetheless. However, we are also supposed to be singing in a trio here at our home church on the same day. Obviously, the sermon will be recorded ahead of time, so that part is not a problem. It is, again, the time to prepare which requires careful planning. We would greatly appreciate your prayers on this, if you get the newsletter in time. If you get this newsletter after the fact, then praise God for how he works in timing in our lives.

We need to add a praise here. Six months ago, Dean would not have been able to do what he is doing now—all of this at the same time.

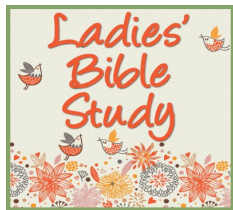
About three months ago, however, we started him on a supplement called Monolaurin for the Chronic Lyme Disease. Sylvia very quickly noticed a change in Dean's energy level which is still going on—praise the Lord. Because Sylvia still has to take so many supplements to keep her major organs functioning well, she has not started it yet, but hopes to at a later date. We still struggle with energy, and usually have to stop for a nap during the day, but praise God, there is improvement! That is a huge answer to your prayers.

We hesitate to mention health issues, as we all face them, but we would like to ask for prayer for Dean's back—he has had several episodes over the last few months, arthritis issues for both of us, Sylvia's upcoming hip replacement surgery which will require antibiotics and pain killers—most of which she is allergic to, the need for Sylvia to get off of her current BP medicine which causes breathing problems and persistent cough, and the ongoing issues with her hypoxia of the organs which is still ongoing after 9 years of being back in the States and in a lower altitude. Our main concern with not being able to function as well is that it keeps us from ministering as fully as we would like. Anyone over 70, even with no major health issues, knows what we are talking about.

Going back to the house: many churches take mission trips to do construction work for missionary houses or the church buildings/seminaries/schools/orphanages. During this pandemic, when travel to foreign countries may

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IN *this* LIFE



Saturday, August 1st,
10:00am Ladies Bible
Study at the home of
Nancy Thomas.



Sunday, August 2nd,
COMMUNION will be
observed during our
Morning Worship
Service.

Church Board

Monday, August 3rd, 6:30pm



Our Sunday School classes are meeting
immediately following Worship Service.

Ruby Cline would like to express her sincere
appreciation for the prayers, flowers, cards, love
and concern expressed during the death of her
husband, Charles Cline.

"White Hill Church friends,
Butch and I would like to thank our Pastors and
church family for the flowers, cards, calls and
visit during such a difficult time in the loss of
Butch's sister, Diane. We are so grateful for
each of you. May our Lord Jesus Christ Bless
each of you at your point of need.

Much Love, Butch & Denise"

FOR THE RECORD

3/15/2020-7/26/2020

3/15/2020	\$7,117.35
3/26/2020	\$4,154.00
3/29/2020	\$3,464.00
4/8/2020	\$7,955.00
4/16/2020	\$7,218.25
4/21/2020	\$5,409.50
4/29/2020	\$6,326.00
5/6/2020	\$7,290.75
5/13/2020	\$7,977.00
5/20/2020	\$8,203.25
5/27/2020	\$9,541.00
6/2/2020	\$5,524.00
6/10/2020	\$11,922.77
6/14/2020	\$12,236.00
6/21/2020	\$8,358.93
6/28/2020	\$5,266.33
7/5/2020	\$9,688.00
7/12/2020	\$6,597.00
7/19/2020	\$6,576.00
7/26/2020	\$5,784.50
On Line Giving	\$4,559.93

If you would like a break down of each
deposit, please call the church office
and I have that available.



PLEASE NOTE: The churches
e-mail address has been changed
to whcob749@gmail.com

CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

JUNE 8, 2020 (rescheduled from
June 1, 2020)

PRESENT: Sharon Moore, Lane Thomas,
Tim Holcomb, Miriam Weaver, Jimmy
Madison, Denise Gaddy, Danny Grant,
Tyler Meadows, Pete Baska, Sam Beard,
Jim Culbertson, Pastor Dave, Frankie
Hollingsworth, Dawn Hollingsworth, Cyndi
Smiley, Dirk Smiley, Shelby Cash, Tracey
Chappell, Duane Burtner, Pastor Jim, Sheree
Flippin, Shelby Cash, Ken Slack, Rusty Riley
ABSENT: Krissy Thompson, Tawnya Riley
GUESTS: Debbie Ramsey, Mitch Moore
God gave us a beautiful afternoon and we
met outside under the pavilion to adhere to
"social distancing". We also shared a meal
of hot dogs and burgers! Thanks to Sharon
and Mitch Moore and others who helped to
prepare our meal!

Motion was made to approve the 4.6.20
Church Board Meeting minutes as presented.
Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
Orders of business needed to complete due
to not having the majority of our Board at the
last meeting:
Affirmation of Pastor Dave's and Pastor Jim's
credentials. Motion was made to ratify their
credentials. Seconded. No discussion.
Motion ratified.

Approval of Miriam Weaver to be added
to the Finance Ministry Team.
Motion was made to accept Miriam to the
Finance Ministry Team.
Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
Sharon thanked everyone for their willingness
to serve on the Church Board and to meet
today.

Debbie Ramsey, from Love INC, shared some
highlights of the Lonnie Riley Conference and
his and John Franklin's book, "By Faith, Living
in the Certainty of God's Reality". We can all
be connectors – connecting people with Jesus,
connecting people with other people. There
are people out there hurting who need the love

of Jesus. There are opportunities/ministries
that we can play the connector with our com-
munity through our church. By faith we can
do anything!

Lonnie also helped Debbie in the beginnings
of the Love INC Ministry in 2013. Lydia
House is coming here through Lonnie's con-
nections. Lonnie is supposed to be here at
White Hill in early October.
Love INC will be accepting donations soon
on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Right now it is only on Wednesdays.
Debbie's cancer is aggressive but has not
spread. We had group prayer for Debbie as
a corporate body.

Pastor Dave

Let's all be in prayer in how we are going to
move forward as re-opening begins. Let's
be flexible in how that might work. Ideas
are welcome! Do you like the earlier
service? Should we have the 9:00 am
service, and then have Sunday School?
This early service is very popular. We're
looking ahead to go back to just 1 service,
say 9:00-10:30. We'll be working towards
Sunday School as we move ahead.

Many members would like to get back in
the Sanctuary as soon as possible,
particularly our older church members.
The weather has been very cooperative
lately, but as summer goes on, it is going
to get hotter. Facebook Live has been a
blessing for a lot of folks, and some have
been asking if this will continue. We will be
installing a permanent camera/audio system.
Please give some feedback to your connec-
tion groups. These connection groups have
been wonderful for a lot of people.

When will the choir start up again? Some
churches have already started.
Vacation Bible School June date is canceled.
What can this look like down the road?
Ideas are welcome and appreciated! Board
members are asked to send their suggestions
to Teresa.

Pastor Jim

We have learned to be givers, even during
this time. We have been faithful!

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