



Hailey Gilbertson	March 2	Mat Thomas	March 20
Madison Gilbertson	March 2	Carleen Desper	March 21
Jamie Henderson	March 3	Queenie Campbell	March 22
Ben Hatter	March 4	Sheree Flippin	March 23
Debbie Pryor	March 4	James Chappell	March 24
Caley Keenan	March 6	Randy Fairbanks	March 25
Macarah Dent	March 7	Carolyn Grant	March 26
Jaime Marshall	March 7	Sharon Hale	March 27
Richard Northrup	March 15	Shirley Englert	March 31
Matthew Riley	March 18	Adah Hicklin	March 31
		Hattie Hicklin	March 31

# INTOUCH

MARCH 2023

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## CHURCH events

- ♦ TUESDAY, MARCH 7 @ Noon - LADIES LUNCHEON
- ♦ SUNDAY, MARCH 12 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS -- Set Clocks AHEAD One Hour
- ♦ SATURDAY, MARCH 18; 7:30am -- MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
- ♦ MONDAY, MARCH 20; 1ST DAY OF SPRING!
- ♦ SUNDAY, MARCH 19 -- ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## JUST A thought

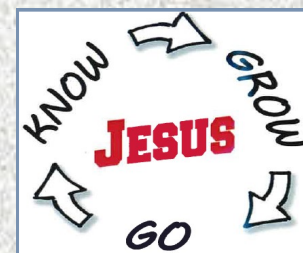
*Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight...And all  
flesh shall see the salvation of  
God. Luke 3:4, 6*

If we are to receive the powerful presence of God, we must prepare ourselves. John the Baptist was God's messenger to help people prepare to receive the Savior of the world. John preached unwaveringly: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt. 3:2). Those who heard John's message and prepared their lives recognized Jesus when He came, and they left all to follow Him. This was especially true of the disciples, whose hearts God Himself prepared (Matt. 16:17). Preparation must precede God's presence!

## OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives  
being used to transform  
the world.

## OUR MISSION:



**Be THE CHURCH**  
everyone. everywhere. everyday.



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## READINGplan



**S**CRPTURE – WRITE OUT ONE VERSE OR PASSAGE THAT WAS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

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

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

**P**RAYER – 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.

### MARCH

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 - Num. 28-29; Mark 8           | 16 - Deut. 30-31; Ps. 40; 1 Cor. 1    |
| 2 - Num. 30-31; Mark 9           | 17 - Deut. 32-34; 1 Cor. 2            |
| 3 - Num. 32-33; Mark 10          | 18 - Josh. 1-2; Ps. 37; 1 Cor. 3      |
| 4 - Num. 34-36; Mark 11          | 19 - Josh. 3-6; 1 Cor. 4              |
| 5 - Deut. 1-2; Mark 12           | 20 - Josh. 7-8; Ps. 69; 1 Cor. 5      |
| 6 - Deut. 3-4; Ps. 36; Mark 13   | 21 - Josh. 9-11; 1 Cor. 6             |
| 7 - Deut. 5-6; Ps. 43; Mark 14   | 22 - Josh. 12-14; 1 Cor. 7            |
| 8 - Deut. 7-9; Mark 15           | 23 - Josh. 15-17; 1 Cor. 8            |
| 9 - Deut. 10-12; Mark 16         | 24 - Josh. 18-20; 1 Cor. 9            |
| 10 - Deut. 13-15; Gal. 1         | 25 - Josh. 21-22; Ps. 47; 1 Cor. 10   |
| 11 - Deut. 16-18; Ps. 38; Gal. 2 | 26 - Josh. 23-24; Ps. 44; 1 Cor. 11   |
| 12 - Deut. 19-21; Gal. 3         | 27 - Judg. 1-3; 1 Cor. 12             |
| 13 - Deut. 22-24; Gal. 4         | 28 - Judg. 4-5; Ps. 39, 41; 1 Cor. 13 |
| 14 - Deut. 25-27; Gal. 5         | 29 - Judg. 6-7; Ps. 52; 1 Cor. 14     |
| 15 - Deut. 28-29; Gal. 6         | 30 - Judg. 8; Ps. 42; 1 Cor. 15       |
|                                  | 31 - Judg. 9-10; Ps. 49; 1 Cor. 16    |

## SUNDAY MORNING *studies*

9:00am



Teacher: Dave Chappell

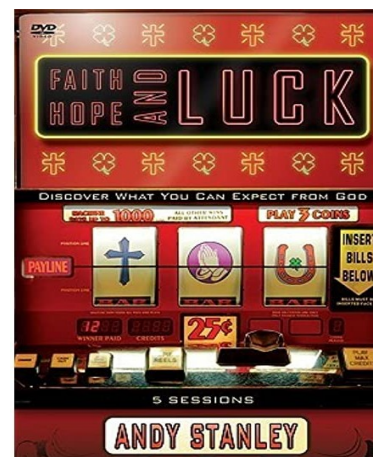
Location: Balcony



Studying the Word—growing in relationship with the Lord.

Location: Family Life Center

Teacher: Lane Thomas



"Faith, Hope and Luck"

By Andy Stanley

Location: Back of Sanctuary

Teacher: Duane Burtner



Zimbabwe Pics



## CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING *minutes*

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:

Ken Slack called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

### APPROVAL OF TELLERS:

Rusty Riley & Jimmy Madison

Ken reviewed the highlights of the Board Retreat held January 22, 2023 at the home of Virginia & Mike Hebron.

Presented the Ministry Teams Visions for 2023

### Presented Financial Reports for 2022

Balance Sheet - December 31, 2022

Treasurer's Report - January - December 2022

Cemetery Financial Report - December 31, 2022

### OTHER BUSINESS:

\*A new computer for the sound booth has been donated to the church.

Church will purchase needed software

\*A Spiritual Gifts Seminar will be scheduled for 2023

\*A new WHCOB representative for Brethren Woods is needed

\*Discussed "The Send" scheduled for February 26, 2023 in Lancaster, PA - a group from the church will be attending

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tawnya Riley  
Assistant Church Clerk

## JUST *Athought* *(continued from page 1)*

God's instruction for preparation is specific: repentance! This involves a complete change of mind, heart, will, and behavior toward Him. He is Lord, and your life must be prepared to receive Him as your Lord. Anything less is inadequate. Some were obviously unprepared to follow Jesus and missed the opportunity (Luke 9:57-62). The religious leaders of Jesus' day were largely unprepared for His arrival. They knew the Messiah was coming. They even knew where He would be born (Matt. 2:4-6). Yet when word came that the Savior had been born, they made no effort to join Him, preferring instead their religious ritual.

If you are unprepared, you, too, will miss the opportunity to experience Jesus. You may practice religion, but you will miss God. While others encounter the Lord personally in worship, your heart will remain unmoved. As others receive a fresh word from God, you will experience a painful silence. Religious activity can never substitute for a heart that is pure before Him. Purity comes only through repentance. Pray, as the Psalmist did, that God will examine your heart and reveal your need to repent of your sin (Ps. 139:23-24)

-Henry Blackaby

## IN *this* LIFE

TUESDAY,  
MARCH 7TH  
LADIES  
LUNCHEON @  
NOON



DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
BEGINS MARCH  
12TH

SET CLOCKS  
AHEAD 1 HOUR!

MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 18TH @  
7:30AM



Please continue  
to save your  
coins for  
**PENNY POWER**  
for the  
Shenandoah  
District  
Disaster  
Auction

## CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

February 6, 2023

**PRESENT:** Ken Slack, Jimmy Madison, Tawnya Riley, David Chappell, Denise Gaddy, David Thompson, Tim Holcomb, Sam Beard, Cyndi Smiley, Jen Slack, Jim Chappell, Mitch Moore, Carolyn Grant, Butch Gaddy, Rusty Riley, Danny Grant, Virginia Hebron

**ABSENT:** Tommy Harmon

Meeting called to order @ 6:05p

Cyndi Smiley opened the meeting with prayer

Welcome of new board members

Motion made to approve prior church board minutes as presented - motion seconded, vote taken, motion carried

Copy of 2023 Budget report distributed

Reminder of Congregational Business Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2023, immediately after worship service

**Old Business** - none

### **New Business:**

Spiritual Gifts Seminar - Tawnya will take the lead on this as it falls under the Gifts & Discernment Team

Discussion on a 2023 Church Directory  
A new computer has been donated to the church & will be used in the sound booth. The church will purchase new software as needed. Cyndi & Virginia will research compatible software.

### **Ministry Teams Reports:**

Fellowship - Carolyn Grant reporting  
Valentines Dinner Update - scheduled for Tue, 2/14/23

Other potential events: family game night, movie night

Worship - Danny Grant reporting  
Looking into a new process in receiving weekly offerings  
Possible Good Friday service as well as a possible Thanksgiving service

Spiritual Formation - David Thompson reporting  
Sunday School classes will continue with same teachers plus addition of a few new teachers  
Wednesday Night Kids program going well. Focus on learning more about the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit is active in their lives

Outreach - Tim Holcomb reporting  
Kishor's visit to White Hill  
Continue financial support for Training2Send and 24:14 World

Stewards - Mitch Moore reporting  
No particular projects in mind, waiting to be directed by the Lord

### **Other business:**

Ken has discussed the need for a new White Hill representative for Brethren Woods

Annual Conference to be held in Cincinnati, OH July 4-8, 2023 - Currently there are no volunteer delegates for White Hill - registration begins mid-March

Teams are reminded to check their mailboxes in the church office on a regular basis for paperwork  
"The Send" event in Lancaster, PA February 26<sup>th</sup> - David Thompson will make an announcement in Worship service.

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## MINISTRY *Highlight*



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRETHREN WOODS!

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Living the Fruitful Life"

March 31 - April 1, 2023

Registrations are due by March 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be lead by Linetta Alley, Executive Director at Brethren Woods

#### SPRING FESTIVAL & YARD SALE

April 29, 2023

Activities for all ages!

*(For further information, there are fliers on the Information Desk in the Foyer)*

#### SUMMER STAFF NEEDED! AGE: 18+

Applications due by March 15<sup>th</sup>

#### SUMMER CAMPS begin JUNE 11, 2023

*(For further information, there are fliers on the Information Desk in the Foyer)*

Early discount deadline is MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

Brethren Woods offers scholarships  
White Hill Church contributes

**For more information on any of these events,  
check out [Brethrenwoods.org](http://Brethrenwoods.org)  
and Nancy Holcomb, Brethren Woods Representative**



## Missionary update continued

We officially have 5 small church plants still operating. We have seen three die through COVID and leadership fall out. In Malawi, the Bible Studies are exploding! We've got to get Leo to Malawi with two weeks to travel, preach, teach and impact lives with the Good News about God's love in Jesus! We can't give accurate, confirmed numbers until that happens, but the unofficial numbers are over 65 Bible studies with attendances over 650 total. Please keep praying for the Person of Peace to lead in Malawi!

**Family Update:** November and December were full of hard school work for our children and young adults. Yolanda and Chicha finished their 10th grade PACES and started 11th grade. Maria reached the halfway mark in grade 11 and has started the college application process. She's hoping to be traveling to the US for university in August this year or January next year. All three elder daughters are excited to be embarking on the adult journey soon.

Our younger kids are all doing well in school, advancing and growing in their capacities. It's really fun to see how God makes every person unique and gifted in their particular strengths and challenges. We are particularly encouraged by the movement of the spirit in Lilliana and Gabriel's lives. There has been discernible change in their hunger for God and His Word, and their active engagement with the Word in obedience and communication. Very encouraging for us!

As a couple, Heidi and I remain deeply in love and clinging to one another closer than any of the other relationships in our lives. We guard time together every evening and enjoy "Date Night" on Wednesday nights when my (Ian's) parents are in Zimbabwe. There are always many challenges in family, but we see God helping us cling to Him, receive grace to live in communion with Him and manifest His heart. Thank you for praying for us! God is answering your prayers!

**Thank you!** We are overwhelmed with the prayer and encouragement we've received from you all this year! Thank you for lifting our hands up while we were so weak we felt we couldn't go on at all! We're grateful and humbled by your love and generosity!

**Praises:** -We've had good rain, and crops are growing well  
-We had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrating with family  
-And we enjoyed celebrating New Year's Eve with our community, bringing in the New Year with the Word, worship, and The Chosen  
-We praise God with our teammates for the safe arrival of Jedediah Phiri and Darielle Masiyanhau in November!  
-God has called more team mates to join Eden in the realm of senior leadership!  
-Answered prayer for encouragement and peace!

**Prayer Requests:** -That we will keep Jesus and intimacy with Him as the One Thing we pursue here and don't lose sight of that (Lk. 10:42)  
-Unity in our team and greater community here at Eden. We long for what Jesus prayed for to be reality here: "That they may be one..." (Jn. 17:21)  
-Please pray that the container we hoped to send from the U.S. last year will be approved and be ready to ship arrive as soon as possible  
-Upcoming presidential election in Zimbabwe in 2023.  
-A good finish to the rainy season!

(Church Board minutes continued)

**From Pastor Dave:**

Acts 3:19

Focus on the presence of God

A 14-day guide to be distributed during worship service challenging each person to get their fields ready for the harvest

**From Pastor Jim:**

The day is coming where we can no longer be "fence sitters" - it will be His way or our own way, a choice will have to be made

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

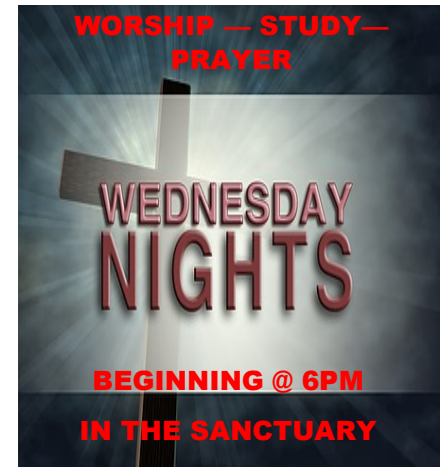
Respectfully submitted,

Tawnya Riley  
Assistant Church Clerk

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**VBS IS BACK!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
**DATES: JUNE 19-23**  
**CLOSING:**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH!!**  
**MORE INFO FORTHCOMING!**



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - More**  
**Information Forthcoming**



**FOR THE RECORD**  
**FEBRUARY 2023**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Offering           | \$26,870.99 |
| Building/Principal | \$ 844.00   |
| Hebrons            | \$ 200.00   |
| Frys               | \$ 200.00   |
| Reprieve           | \$ 100.00   |
| 24.14 World        | \$ 565.00   |
| Training2Send      | \$ 300.00   |
| Pastor Wanzala     | \$ 100.00   |
| Youth              | \$ 500.00   |
| Deposit/Use of     | \$ 50.00    |
| Family Life Center |             |
| Use of Family      | \$ 375.00   |
| Lofe Center        |             |

# MISSIONARY *Update*

## All Things Work Together for Good



Greetings Everyone!

There are aspects of God's character that we don't often pray for, as Christians. Patience is one of those aspects that many people avoid very intentional prayers about, fearing that God will answer with annoying and testing situations to build that fruit and character in us through trials. In the past two months, Jesus has

made it really clear that suffering, in the ways that He did, is one of the aspects of "growing up in Christ" that rarely gets prayed for and sought after. As we live for Jesus in this world, suffering WILL come! He warned us, "In this world, you WILL have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) I see Jesus as my model (our model) for everything we're pursuing in life with God. I believe He modeled what living in unhindered fellowship with Yahweh God would look like for us, without unbelief or sinful rebellion, which is obviously only possible by God's empowerment through Holy Spirit (Heb.1:3). I've believed God was conforming us to the image of Jesus for 21 years, pressing into the discipleship and transformational process with zeal to know Jesus and become like Him, by the powerful working of God-the Spirit in my life. It wasn't until recently that Father God unveiled the reality that sufferings was a KEY component of Jesus' humanity and modeling how we must live (John 13:15) by faith while we are on earth. Jesus has encouraged us these past two months that we are exactly where we are supposed to be, according to His "good, pleasing, and perfect will." (Rom. 12:2) The trying, stretching, exposing, painful circumstances that have translated to the hardest three years of our lives are all direct answers to prayer, showing us aspects of the glorious, good, wonderful character of Jesus that is in process in our hearts. So, as only God can do, He has breathed life into our innermost being, showing us that He's with us, working for us, shaping the most important facets of our lives through the challenges of cross cultural adoption, intense interpersonal conflict and massive amounts of transition in the community of Eden! God is RIGHT in the midst of our mess, working for us, shaping us for His glory and our good! He's there for you, in your mess too! I urge you to lift your heart to God in grateful praise for using all things to work for your good! Jesus learned obedience through what He suffered, and so are we. So, we have renewed resolve to learn the lessons of suffering and a refuse to miss the glorious potential of the moment we are in by sulking, whining or complaining any more! Jesus has given us another breath of encouragement and life to lift our eyes back up to the hills, to Him who is our help! We pray this little update does that for you too! God IS with you and working in your harshest circumstances to shape you into the image of Jesus! Press into this suffering with the joyful expectation of God redeeming it! Cling to His goodness (defined by His sending Jesus) and watch Him transform you, even if the circumstances don't change!

**The Frys**



## Updates from The Harvest Laborers

Leo Gaviao is in Victoria Falls as you receive this update (*this was received January 2023*). This first quarter of 2023 has allowed Leo to step out of finances and return to full-time Gospel Work. Leo will travel 6-8 times this first quarter for disciple making and church plantings follow up. Please pray for safety for Leo! We also submit a plea to our ministry partners to help us with increasing the church planting follow up budget by \$1000/month to allow Leo to travel more freely and extensively. This year, we are planning to send Leo to Zambia, Eswatini, Malawi, three places in Zimbabwe and potentially Tanzania (as Jesus has been bringing this nation up in prayer recurrently for 3 years). Please pray with us for these new works and for the Lord to show the people of peace for this endeavor to succeed in the long-run. In stepping out of his finance role, Leo has also taken a significant pay cut, dropping from \$800/month to \$400/month. We will be seeking ministry partners to enable Straight Paths to better aid Leo's family in meeting needs while following the Scriptural mandate to honor the Elders who labor in preaching and teaching well. Please pray about these two needs.

In 2023, we are forming an officially licensed church at Eden. We are registering Eden Ministries with the Zimbabwean Government as you receive this update. This registration will allow

us to operate all the church planting and discipleship ministries in Zimbabwe with full government compliance and will prepare us for ordaining and empowering our Gospel Workers to establish fellowships that are legal and unhindered by impending changes in legislation that will make it illegal to preach or lead people spiritually without recognized association to an approved organization.

Along these same lines of preempting having unofficial churches shut down, we are overjoyed that the Lord has introduced Straight Paths to The Chatterbox Ministries in Harare, Zimbabwe, through one of our ministry partners, OARRS. The Chatterbox will allow us to officially train our Gospel Workers in Doma and Deve, allowing them to get officially recognized national diplomas and free them to be ordained to preach the Gospel in recognized fashion. Please pray with us as we deploy these programs in Doma and Deve and seek to see these passionate, called brothers and sisters empowered with clearer understanding of the Word of God, and empowered with amazing tools to enhance their effectiveness and impact in their respective ministry contexts.

