



Michael Burkholder	Sept. 3	David Thompson	Sept. 18
Tabor Shipe	Sept. 4	Danielle Woods	Sept. 18
Colby Brown	Sept. 6	Emersyn Stutes	Sept. 19
Duane Burtner	Sept. 6	Miriam Weaver	Sept. 22
Shawnee Kennedy	Sept. 7	Dawn Hollingsworth	Sept. 24
Mickey Weaver	Sept. 7	Robyn Jones	Sept. 24
Ronnie Cash	Sept. 8	Hannah Smith	Sept. 25
Taylor Chappell	Sept. 9	Noah Meadows	Sept. 27
Rusty Riley	Sept. 9	Ken Slack	Sept. 28
Harley Weaver	Sept. 11	Denise Gaddy	Sept. 29
Sandra Miller	Sept. 14	Tyler Meadows	Sept. 29
Krissy Thompson	Sept. 15	Bea Jenkins	Sept. 30
Tessa Hicklin	Sept. 18		

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SEPTEMBER 2025

IN Touch

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCHevents

- Mon, Sept. 1st -- Church Office closed for Labor Day
- Tues, Sept. 2nd -- Ladies Fellowship @ NOON
- Sun, Sept. 7th—COMMUNION
- Sat, Sept. 13th — WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 9am-3pm
- Sun, Sept 14th — Baptism Sunday
- Sat, Sept. 21st -- Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30am

KIDS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3RD FROM 6:00-7:30PM

WORSHIP, STUDY & PRAYER GROUP MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:00-7:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

JUST Athought

Article by Wendy Richmond:

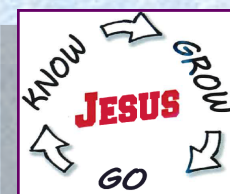
"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."
Ephesians 3:20-21

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC, is the largest library in the world. It has over 167 million items in its catalog, over 39 million of which are books. And more books are being written every single day. It's overwhelming to think of the vast amount of knowledge researched and recorded by great minds throughout history, not to mention the vast amount of literary works that have been written. Even though there is an incredible amount of knowledge contained within the books in the Library of Congress, some of that knowledge is relatively new. For example, before the discovery of the life-saving antibiotic, penicillin, in 1928, people often died from things like strep throat, stomach ulcers, and tooth abscesses.


OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives being used to transform the world.

OUR MISSION:



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.

SEPTEMBER

1 - Ezek. 15-16; Ps. 70; Rev. 6
 2 - Ezek. 17-19; Rev. 7
 3 - Ezek. 20-21, Ps. 111; Rev. 8
 4 - Ezek. 22-24; Rev. 9
 5 - Ezek. 25-28, Rev. 10
 6 - Ezek. 29-32; Rev. 11
 7 - 2 Ki. 25; 2 Chr. 36; Jer. 40-41; Rev. 12
 8 - Jer. 42-44; Ps. 48; Rev. 13
 9 - Lam. 1- 2; Obad.; Rev. 14
 10 - Lam. 3-5; Rev. 15
 11 - Dan. 1-2; Rev. 16
 12 - Dan. 3- 4; Ps. 81; Rev. 17
 13 - Ezek. 33-35, Rev. 18
 14 - Ezek. 36-37; Ps. 110; Rev. 19
 15 - Ezek. 38-39; Ps. 145; Rev. 20

16 - Ezek.40-41; Ps. 128; Rev. 21
 17 - Ezek. 42-44; Rev. 22
 18 - Ezek. 45-46; Lk. 1
 19 - Ezek. 47-48; Lk. 2
 20 - Dan. 5-6; Ps. 130; Lk. 3
 21 - Dan. 7-8; Ps. 137; Lk.4
 22 - Dan. 9-10; Ps. 123; Lk. 5
 23 - Dan. 11-12; Lk. 6
 24 - Ezra 1; Ps. 84-85; Lk. 7
 25 - Ezra 2-3; Lk. 8
 26 - Ezra 4; Ps. 113, 127; Lk. 9
 27 - Hag. 1-2; Ps. 129; Lk. 10
 28 - Zech. 1-3; Lk. 11
 29 - Zech. 4-6; Lk. 12
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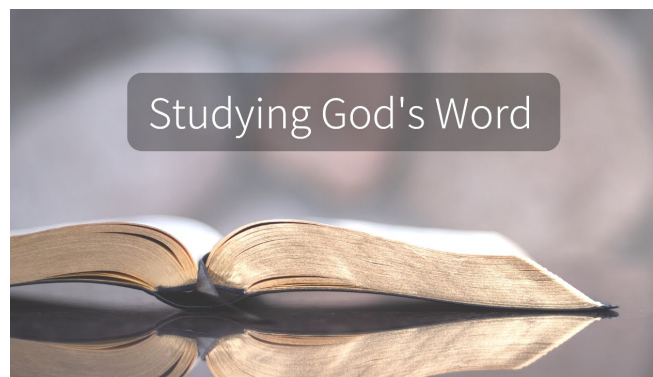
SUNDAY MORNING*studies* 9:00am



Location: Prayer Room
 Teacher: Dave Chappell



Location: Balcony
 Teachers: Dirk & Cyndi Smiley



Location: Family Life Center
 Teacher: Lane Thomas

Children and Youth Ministries

Sunday Morning

Sunday School

Nursery
Kids Sunday School
Middle School
High School

Worship Service

Nursery
Family Sunday will be on the 1st and 5th Sunday of every month
Kids Connect will meet during the sermon on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of every month

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Little Kingdom Kids **AGES 3-5**

KINGDOM KIDS 1st-5th GRADES

Middle School Ministry
High School Ministry

Youth Ministry

For more information, please contact:
Cassidy Stutes (540) 649-5304

JUST Athought (continued)

God has given humans an immense capacity to think and discover, yet we have barely scratched the surface of the knowledge to be obtained. All the knowledge contained in the Library of Congress is like a drop in the ocean compared to an all-knowing, all-powerful God who is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 challenges us to pray bigger prayers. I think that sometimes our prayers are limited by the amount of knowledge that we have, but the Bible says God is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we can ask or think. I can't help but wonder what could be accomplished in our lives and the lives of those around us if we would begin to pray bigger prayers.

INthis LIFE



The Church Office
 will be closed
 Mon, Sept 1st

LADIES FELLOWSHIP
 on Tues, Sept. 2nd @
 NOON



**MEN'S PRAYER
 BREAKFAST**
 SAT, SEPT 20th @
 7:30AM



FOR THE RECORD AUGUST 2025

OFFERING	\$29,574.68
BLDG/PRINCIPAL	\$ 560.00
USE OF FAMILY LIFE CENTER	\$ 100.00
TRAINING2SEND	\$ 660.00
REPRIEVE	\$ 325.00
HEBRONS	\$ 200.00
24.14 WORLD	\$ 200.00
WANZALA	\$ 100.00
FRYS	\$ 200.00
ROBIN'S NEST	\$ 100.00
DEPOSIT FOR FAMILY LIFE CENTER	\$ 100.00

CHURCH BOARD MEETING *Minutes*

August 4, 2025

PRESENT: Ken Slack, David Chappell, Sandra Miller, Jimmy Madison, Butch Gaddy, Tawnya Riley, Rusty Riley, Jim Chappell, Virginia Hebron, Carolyn Grant, Denise Gaddy, Hannah Smith

ABSENT: George Kennedy, Mitch Moore, Sharon Moore, Cassidy Stutes, Jen Slack, David Thompson, Danny Grant

Meeting called to order 6:00p

Ken opened with prayer & scripture (Ps 105:3-4)

Board Minutes - Motion made to approve as presented:

6/16/25 Board Minutes

7/13/25 Called Congregational Meeting

motion seconded; vote taken & carried

Financial Reports: presented as information

Sharing & Prayer:

Stuarts Draft Alliance of Churches (SDAC United – 9 area churches) – food ministry/pantry update:

- *Area farmer donations
- *Hunters for the Hungry donations
- *Leadership / oversight needed
- *9 volunteers from WHCOB

2025 Women's Conference Sat, 9/13/25

- *Sue McDaniel coordinator
- *Set-up in social hall needed on Fri, 9/12/25

COB Denomination Update:

Called Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sun, 8/17/25 immediately after service – this is the 3rd Step in the withdrawal process

- *2/3's vote needed among active members only
- *Discussed next steps if vote to withdraw is approved
 - Submit a letter to District explaining our reasons
 - Meeting at WH with District Reps in response to our letter
 - 2nd vote needed (final vote) – 75% approval needed
 - Blessing Forward
- *If final 75% vote passes, may need to create a team to work with Executive Team through transition

REPRIEVE continued



On September 20th, we will be doing the 4th annual Miller Street loving your neighbor cookout. It really is a great ministry outreach. with food , fellowship, and much needed supplies for less fortunate. If you are interested in getting involved, reach out to Frankie or Dawn, or Cyndi and Dirk.

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

MEETING *Minutes*

JULY 13, 2025

Ken called the meeting to order with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting today is to request that the Congregation approve the purchase of a new building.

Jimmy Madison presented that the purchase of a new building would cost approximately \$4,100.00. This amount includes the removal of the old building, which has already taken place.

Motion was made to purchase a new building and remove the old building, at the cost of approximately \$4,100.00.

Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Beard

In the absence of Tawnya Riley, Assistant Church Board Clerk

MINISTRY *Highlight*

Reprieve

Hello White Hill

God is good and worthy of praise!

I have been off work and serving due to a knee surgery to name a few of the trials Dawn and I have dealing with. Through it all God has shown His love compassion and mercy. June 19th, I had surgery and my concern was who would cover Sunday meals.

Well God! God had coverage every Sunday since the surgery. Praise God!

White Hill life group offered to cover Sunday, July 27th and what a great day it was. An



awesome meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll with chocolate eclair. Very delicious meal.

I want to thank each and every person who prayed, cooked, served, cleaned, delivered .. to make that day special. I also want to thank the youth group and leaders who came down and cleaned and organized down there in my absence. I trust and believe that everyone involved in serving and cleaning have been blessed by having the opportunity to serve.

I believe the 1 on 1 talks I've seen are absolutely the best thing that our neighbors cherish.

We prayed for a guy who was going through a really tough day. I've seen him recently and, although not completely changed, he is doing better.

We thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Matthew 25:45 NIV — "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

We love you!

Dawn and Frankie



CHURCH BOARD MEETING *MINUTES continued*

Ministry Teams Reports:

Fellowship – no report

Finance – no report

Outreach – Rusty Riley reporting

*Three new Love Inc volunteers from White Hill

*Power in Love PA trip – Aug 22-23, 2025

*Shoes boxes through Samaritan's Purse to be determined

*Angel Tree for WRE family to be determined

*Affordable Christmas through Love Inc:

-November – open to participants in the CYL classes @ Love Inc

*Affordable shopping of new items at a reduced price

*New items donated from area churches

Spiritual Formation – no report

Stewards – Jimmy Madison reporting

*new storage building has been ordered

*holly bushes in front of church to be removed – continual issues with hornet/ bee nests

*discussed ordering new toddler swings for playground

*ordering new cameras through mobile carrier for back parking lot

-satellite, 4g data plan @ a cost of \$300/yr

-motion made to make this cost a budget line item, motion 2nd, carried

Worship – no report

2025 Budget

*draft of Ministry Team budgets needs to be to the Finance Team by the end of August

*approval of budget scheduled during 10/6/25 board meeting

*Any expected changes/highlights?

-line item to be added to Stewards for camera data cost

Chair notes / information items:

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From our Pastors:

Jim –

The Holy Spirit is moving among us; God's face is on His people "look like me and act like me." He will not let us stand still; we will be what He wants us to be.

David –

*Reminder we have seen an influx of new people. Be intentional in welcoming & being disciples

*Asked the group to review & pray over the current structure of our "church government" (the board)

-is this the time to consider a change?

-Distributed "Bible Church Leadership" (Elders, Deacons, Congregation) for consideration

Rusty Riley closed with prayer

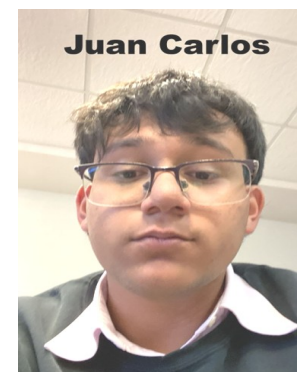
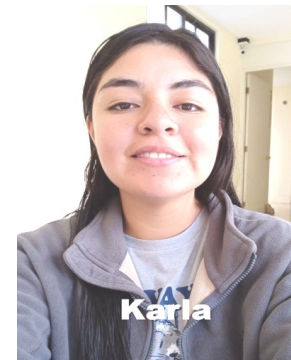
Meeting adjourned 7:15p

Respectfully submitted,

Tawnya Riley, Asst Church Clerk

MISSIONARY *Highlight continued* Dean & Sylvia Hebron

Also, please pray that the new schedule will work out well for the students' learning. So far, we have four new students: Ariadna Hernández, Juan Carlos Hernández, Karla Fuentes, and Mayra Ramírez. In addition, we need to pray for God to provide new teachers soon, as several faculty members, Dean included, are at an age when most people are needing to retire.



Upcoming: Our graduate, Jose Maradiaga, who now serves as a missionary in Nicaragua, is planning a trip to the United States, October to December. If he can get the finances together, he would like to visit us during that time. He is a faithful servant of the Lord and works in less-populated areas teaching Pastors, holding evangelistic meetings, ministering to children, etc. We may be able to get him to White Hill for a service. Please pray for him as he and his mother with whom he lives have suffered from serious health issues.

Also, pray for our graduate, Ester, who works in translation in a hostile area and is continuing to serve while fighting cancer. We praise the Lord that she recently was granted another one-year visa.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us in our ministry!

MISSIONARY *Highlight continued* Dean & Sylvia Hebron

In early July, Sylvia (because of her extensive allergies to meds) had allergy testing on the steroid drops that were to be used with her cataract surgery, Dean had his cataract surgery on his left eye and Sylvia had her cataract surgery on her right eye. Sylvia has a vitreomacular traction in that eye and there was danger (because of the pressure changes) causing a retinal hole. We had asked for prayer, and PTL, that did not happen! Both of us are seeing better, even without our new glasses!


The convention for the fellowship of churches (CIEMAR) in July appointed a new seminary director, Pastor Omar Corona, who has had a very successful ministry for years at Congregation Anahuac in the Northern Mexico city of San Nicolas de los Garza. His Son, David, a seminary graduate, is co-pastor. Pastor Omar will spend part of his time at the seminary in administration and teaching and part at the church.

July 13-19 was our 'Seminarian for a Week' program at the Seminary where people who are interested in serving the Lord can come to the Seminary for a week, free of charge, to see what the Seminary experience is like. We never got a final count, but the pictures showed a good-sized group. Hopefully, that will translate in the future to more students at the seminary seeking training!

In August, our 'consuegra' (we don't have an equivalent word in English for a daughter-in-law's mother), Sandy Culbertson, had her two gall bladder surgeries and PTL is doing well. We were finally able to celebrate 2024 Christmas with Sylvia's sisters. Dean had a squamous cell carcinoma removed from the top of his head—pray there will be no more cancer—and the next day he had his 2nd cataract surgery. On 8/19, we received news that Betty Krueger, one of the office workers from EMM (the mission organization that we were originally on loan to when we went to Mexico), had passed away suddenly. She was such a hard worker for the Lord and a strong prayer warrior and leaves behind an 80-year-old husband, Dave. Please remember Dave in your prayers. The same day that we got that news, our recently painted car hood was hit by a large piece of flying debris on the Interstate and suffered quite a bit of damage. How we praise God that it did not cause us, or the other car that it hit, to have an accident and that it did not break the windshield and injure us! We have not had time to contact the insurance company yet, but we will have to have it repainted again (second time this year)! Sylvia's younger sister, Jolene, finally had her left hip replaced (we lost track, but believe it was rescheduled five times in three months) and praise God, she is doing well.

Some other new personnel have come on board at the seminary, including a new secretary for the director, Glaucia Chávez, who is now Dean's contact for connecting his Zoom classes. A new type of class schedule was initiated, involving both classes in each course (they are two-hour courses) being held back-to-back each week. This is a difficult adjustment, but seems to be working out. So far things have gone well in the new semester, which began August 18th. Our only problem was keeping the internet connection in the first class session. Since then, the connection has been good. Please pray, as always, for good internet connections and all of the technology to function well.

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OVERCOMERS


**CHRIST overcame the
ultimate enemy death itself**

White Hill

Women's Conference

September 13th 2025

9:00am-3:00pm

Scan now to register! 

**To register for the
Women's
Conference:**

****Use the QR Code
on this page, or
any of the posters
throughout the
church;**

****Go to the Church
Facebook page;**

****See Susan
McDaniel**

**Questions? See
Susan McDaniel**

Thank you!!!



**AUGUST & BEYOND AT
BRETHREN WOODS**

**BE A HERO THIS FALL — SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER:
VOLUNTEER FOR OUTDOOR SCHOOL**

If interested, contact Alex @ program@brethrenwoods.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH — 30TH ANNUAL GOLF BLAST @ HERITAGE OAKS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH — LOW ROPES TRAINING @ CAMP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH — FALL FAMILY DAY @ CAMP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST — FALL WORKDAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH — RENEWING OUR FAITH.. OUTDOORS BANQUET

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

AUGUST 17, 2025

Purpose of meeting:

To begin the withdrawal process from Church of the Brethren denomination

Ken Slack called the meeting to order at 12:00p with prayer (served as Moderator)

Approval of tellers:

Tim Holcomb, Jamie Shipe, Jimmy Madison, Sandra Miller

Introduction of Shenandoah District Representatives: Wayne Pence, Mona Pence

Explanation of COB Withdrawal Process:

If vote today is in favor of beginning the withdrawal process, the next steps would be:

- *A letter from White Hill will be sent to the District outlining the reasons for our desire to withdraw from the Church of the Brethren. The District then responds. (Step 4 of the District guidelines)

- *Another meeting will be set with the District representatives at White Hill to share thoughts. This meeting will occur sometime in September or October – Kevin Daggett, District Executive would be present at this meeting. (Step 5 of the District guidelines)

- *Final vote 2-6 weeks after meeting with the District representatives, estimating sometime in October or November – 75% majority required. (Step 6 of the District guidelines)

- *“Blessing Forward” service sometime after the holidays, first part of 2026

Motion made to begin the process of White Hill withdrawing from the Church of the Brethren as laid out by the Shenandoah District

Motion 2nd

Vote taken, motioned carried

Congregational vote by ballot – 2/3 majority required

Time of praise & worship during the vote count

Results: 100% in favor (81 votes cast)

Ken closed in prayer

Meeting adjourned at 12:25p

Respectfully submitted by,

Tawnya Riley,

Assistant Church Clerk

MISSIONARY *Highlight*



DEAN & SYLVIA HEBRON

Faith Baptist Mission

Greetings to our faithful supporters and prayer warriors at White Hill. We praise God for your love for missions and missionaries. We could not minister without you—may God bless you greatly!

We have included a lot of information regarding family events. These may not be directly connected to our ministry, but they do take our time in prayer and sometimes in ministering, and definitely is often stressful in our daily lives. We want you to understand how this all impacts our lives.

We had planned to spend most of the spring, cooler summer days and fall going through stuff we still have stored from the move. However, most of that time has been taken up with a very busy summer schedule, so that now we only have fall left to do that this year. In the little bit we have gone through, we are finding a lot of things ruined by mold, including some of Dean's theology books, most of Sylvia's health reference books which we had not yet unpacked, and some video tapes from Mexico. We had another minor flood in the basement apartment, and are finding some mold from that as well. In addition, we have discovered mold in our back bathroom, which does not have an exhaust fan. Please pray for our health as we deal with clearing all of this out.

The seminary had a successful end of semester for school year 2024-2025, graduating 3 students: Amisadai Sánchez, Josué Sánchez, Esther Noguera. We do not exactly where they will be serving for ministry yet but look forward to seeing how God will use them.

In June, Sylvia's oldest brother-in-law, Ed, had a massive heart attack but survived and a stent is working well for him—PTL! A couple of weeks later, his wife, Jeanette, (Sylvia's older sister) ended up in the ER (with a pulse rate of 180) and then in the hospital having a pacemaker put in. During that part of the month, we had a wonderful visit and time of fellowship with two members of our prayer team who came to visit from a supporting church in Northern Virginia. Also, during this month, one of our former students, Carlos Barrón, who had served as a pastor and then as a teacher at the seminary passed away very suddenly. That was quite a shock! He leaves a wife and young children. Please pray for them. Also, in June, Dean began teaching the Adult Sunday School class at our church for the summer, as the regular teacher was out with health issues.

