



DECEMBER BIRTHdays

Brian Farrar	December 3	Michael Hebron	December 17
Danny Grant	December 4	Burkley Parker	December 18
Lorraine Dent	December 5	Kim Shipe	December 18
Bryan Varney	December 7	Jase Thompson	December 19
George Sinclair	December 8	Margie Campbell	December 24
Nancy Thomas	December 8	Karen Farrar	December 28
Mia Stutes	December 9	Noah Irvin	December 28
Jessica Meadows	December 10	Cassidy Stutes	December 29
Audrey Baska	December 11	Wenda Fortney	December 31
Emily Stogdale	December 11	Brynlee Stutes	December 31

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DECEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCHevents

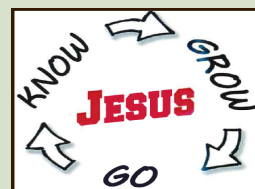
- Mon, Dec 1—Church Board Mtg @ 6pm
- Sun, Dec 7—COMMUNION
- Tues, Dec 9—Ladies Fellowship @ Noon
- Sun, Dec 14—Combined Praise & Worship with our Brothers & Sisters from Bible Truth & Rankin Fellowship – Fellowship Meal will follow
- Wed, Dec 24—CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE @ 6pm
- Thurs, Dec 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- Sat, Dec 27—Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30am
- Wed, Dec 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE
- Thurs, Jan 1, 2026—NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Church Office will be closed:
Dec 24 and 25, Dec 31 and Jan 1

OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives
being used to transform the
world.

OUR MISSION:



JUST Athought

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Luke 24:44 NIV

Advent...the word comes from the Latin *advenio*, meaning "to come to," or "coming" or "arrival," as in "for a visit." The coming of our Messiah was promised in prophecies found throughout scripture and His "arrival" took place on a glorious night over 2000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem. It appears that Jesus fulfilled over 300 of these prophecies! Let's put that into perspective:

1 person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000
1 person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157th power
1 person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: Only Jesus! He keeps His promises!!



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.

DECEMBER

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| 1 - Rom. 5-8 | 16 - 1 Pet. 1-5 |
| 2 - Rom. 9-12 | 17 - 2 Pet. 1-3; Jn. 1 |
| 3 - Rom. 13-16 | 18 - Jn. 2-4 |
| 4 - Eph. 1-4 | 19 - Jn. 5-6 |
| 5 - Eph. 5-6; Ps. 119; 1-80 | 20 - Jn. 7-8 |
| 6 - Phil. 1-4 | 21 - Jn. 9-11 |
| 7 - Col. 1-4 | 22 - Jn. 12-14 |
| 8 - 1 Tim. 1-4 | 23 - Jn. 15-18 |
| 9 - 1 Tim. 5-6; Tit. 1-3 | 24 - Jn. 19-21 |
| 10 - 2 Tim. 1-4 | 25 - 1 Jn. 1-5 |
| 11 - Philem.; Heb. 1-4 | 26 - Ps. 117; 119: 81-176; 2 Jn.; 3 Jn. |
| 12 - Heb. 5-8 | 27 - Rev. 1-428 - Rev. 5-9 |
| 13 - Heb. 9-11 | 29 - Rev. 10-14 |
| 14 - Heb. 12-13; Jude | 30 - Rev. 15-18 |
| 15 - Jas. 1-5 | 31 - Rev. 19-22 |

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESSMEETING continued

OTHER BUSINESS:

Church representatives will meet with attorney, Stephen Strosnider from Wayneboro on November 11, 2025 for legal responsibilities related to the denomination withdrawal. Representatives: Lane Thomas, Sharon Moore, David Chappell, Ken Slack

Pastor Dave closed with prayer

Meeting adjourned @ 12:20p by motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,
Tawnya Riley, Assistant Church Clerk

IN this LIFE



**CHURCH BOARD
MEETING**
MON, DEC 1st @ 6pm

**LADIES
FELLOWSHIP**
TUES, DEC 9th
@ Noon



**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**
SAT, DEC 27TH
@ 7:30AM

FOR THE RECORD NOVEMBER 2025

OFFERING	\$26,868.48
BLD PRINCIPAL	\$ 1,155.00
USE OF FAMILY LIFE	\$ 175.00
CENTER	
AUG CO ELECTIONS	\$ 100.00
BOARD	
FRYS	\$ 300.00
ROBIN'S NEST	\$ 550.00
24.14 WORLD	\$ 200.00
HEBRONS	\$ 200.00
WANZALA	\$ 100.00
TRAINING2SEND	\$ 200.00
REPRIEVE	\$ 100.00



CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Ken Slack (serving as Moderator) called the meeting to order @ 11:45a with scripture & prayer

APPROVAL OF TELLERS: Jimmy Madison, Jamie Shipe, Rusty Riley

Review of Minutes:

Congregational Business Meeting, November 10, 2024

Called Congregational Business Meeting, December 8, 2024

Congregational Business Meeting, February 9, 2025

Called Congregational Business Meeting, March 23, 2025

Called Congregational Business Meeting, May 4, 2025

Called Congregational Business Meeting, July 13, 2025

Called Congregational Business Meeting, August 17, 2025

Called Congregational Business Meeting, September 28, 2025

Motion made to accept minutes as presented, seconded, motion carried

Final Vote – Church of the Brethren Denomination Withdrawal (3/4 vote required):

Ken reviewed the steps taken so far in the withdrawal process

Motion made to move forward in the next step, which is the final vote to withdraw, seconded, motion carried

Ballot vote taken

Results: 100% yes vote (84 votes to zero)

District Representative, Nancy Bowman present for meeting & witness vote tally

Nancy stated the District gives us their blessing, they love White Hill, desires us to continue to serve through the Disaster Ministries, Brethren Woods. Their objective is the same, to bring people to Christ

Step 7, final step in the process will be a “Blessing Forward” service for some time in January 2026 with District representation and to sign paperwork

Prayer of thanks for the unity among the congregation during this process – from the very beginning to now

Proposed 2026 Slate of Church Officers – information purposes only

Has not been finalized

Called meeting to approve at a later date

Review of Financial Reports for 2025:

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025

Treasurer’s Report – January – September 2025

Cemetery Financial Report – January 1 – September 30, 2025

Building Fund/Savings Account – January 1 – September 30, 2025

NOTE: Financial reports through October 31, 2025, will be available on November 2, 2025

Discussion:

Mortgage loan balance of 290,000 will be added to the Balance Sheet

Possible financial drive in 2026 to pay off loan?

Property value will be added to the Balance Sheet once the property deed has been transferred to the church name – this will occur after completion of the denomination withdrawal process

Proposed 2026 Budget:

Discussion:

4% raise for Pastor Dave, no change to Jim or Teresa’s salaries

\$5000 line item added to cover legal expenses due to denomination withdrawal

Stewards Ministry Team budget:

Motion made to change line-item name “Building Maint & Ground Care” to

“Building Maint” because there is an existing line item “Lawn Care/Snow Removal” – motion seconded, carried

Motion made to accept amended 2026 budget, seconded, carried

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JUST A thought continued

But we are only looking at the First Advent...what we often associate with Christmas. But there are even more prophecies and promises regarding the Second Advent! The second coming of Jesus! In fact, there are over 1,845 Biblical references, prophecies and promises regarding the Second Coming of Jesus.

**He who testifies to these things says,
“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20**



God is so faithful! It’s so encouraging to know that God works through hundreds of years and some of the worst evil that humanity can produce and still brings promises to fulfillment.

So this Advent season, let’s rest in the promise of Isaiah 55 that God’s words do not return to Him empty – they are always fulfilled, even if this happens on a different time scale, in a different way or through surprising people or circumstances, beyond what we were expecting. He is faithful! And He has come!

**so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for
which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11**

Join Us on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH for

Christmas Fellowship!

We will have Combined Praise & Worship
with our Brothers & Sisters from
Bible Truth and Rankin Fellowship
Fellowship Meal will follow

“O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt
HIS name together”!

MISSIONARY Updates



This Christmas, we would love for you to partner in giving the gift that impacts eternity.

Giving



TRAINING2SEND
Acts 19:8-10

on Mission

Until there is No Place Left

You can give by scanning the QR code or going to our website training2send.org and designating which item you wish to donate to!

If you would like to send a check, you can mail it to PO Box 1206 Verona, VA 24482.



MINISTRY Updates

LOVE INC – PICTURES FROM AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS!



MINISTRY *Update*

LOVE INC *continued*

Affordable Christmas Market 2025

Thank you to every congregation, individual donor, business, school, and ministry partner who blessed this year's **Affordable Christmas Market** with gifts, toys, household items, wrapping supplies, gift cards, and prayer. White Hill Church of The Brethren provided 27 volunteers which totaled 119 hours of service. Areas served included financial support and assistance with the craft tables.

Through this dignity-focused outreach, parents were able to *choose and purchase* gifts for their children at **affordable prices**, allowing them to remain empowered, honored, and supported. Many parents also connected with our Clearinghouse Intake to explore next steps toward long-term stability.

Your generosity not only filled homes with joy – it strengthened families with dignity, value, and hope.

Year-End Letter & Giving Campaign

As 2025 comes to a close, Love INC is preparing its **End-of-Year Giving Campaign**, and we are asking our partner churches to:

Pray for receptive hearts and faithful generosity
Share our year-end letter within your congregation
Consider a financial gift as a church or small group
Invite others to learn how Love INC equips churches to serve effectively

Every gift invested supports:

Transformational programs like CYL & budgeting classes
One-on-one mentorship and spiritual encouragement
Clearinghouse casework and coordinated support services
Volunteer training and church partnership development
Helping families take *the next right step* toward wholeness
You may give online, by mail, or through your church's designated offering.

Thank You, White Hill Church of The Brethren

Because of you, Love INC continues to serve as a bridge between local churches and community needs, helping individuals discover: *

Their value in Christ
Their ability to grow and change
Their place in a supportive Christian community

Year-To-Date WHCB Volunteer Report

34 Volunteers
646.5 Hours Served
Monetary Value of Volunteer Hours – \$15,053.40

We thank God for your partnership, and we look forward to serving alongside you in 2026!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With gratitude,

The Love INC Staunton, Augusta, Waynesboro Team

MISSIONARY *Updates*

TRAINING2 SEND *continued*



SD Cards

\$2.00 per card

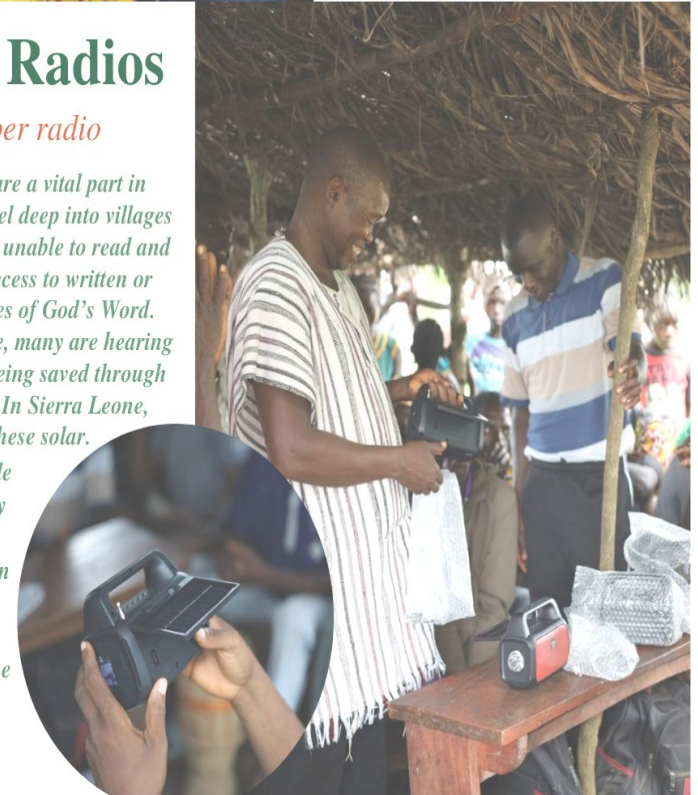
SD cards are one of the greatest needs in getting God's Word to those who may have never received the opportunity to hear Scripture in their own language. They are being used by thousands of trainers across Africa and South Asia to get the Gospel into the hands of peoples in desperate need for God's Word.

Solar Radios

\$10.00 per radio

Solar radios are a vital part in getting the Gospel deep into villages where many are unable to read and do not have access to written or electronic copies of God's Word. For the first time, many are hearing the Word and being saved through this resource. In Sierra Leone, many refer to these solar

radios as the "little preacher" as they listen to God's Word for hours on end as they are working or worshipping in the church.



MISSIONARY *Updates*

TRAINING2 SEND continued



Support our Trainers

\$300.00 for one month

\$12,400.00 for 14 months

By supporting a trainer and his family for a month, you can be an active part in getting Jesus' name to new villages untouched by the Gospel. Not only are you partnering in meeting the physical needs of this family, but enabling them to spiritually meet the needs and foster the growth of the Church across Africa and South Asia.

By partnering with two trainers and their families, you are making a long-term investment in caring for their basic needs and empowering them to live out the vision of seeing No Place Left without the Gospel and a church planted in every village. These trainers commit to this vision in traveling and living in a location for 14 months where a new church is planted and in need of training and shepherding.



MINISTRY *Update*

REPRIEVE continued

From Frankie:

White Hill, THIS is what you are pouring into!! THIS is just one of the testimonies from over the years. There are so many testimonies from over the years, and if you have ever served, prayed, donated, made food, cleaned up, You are doing exactly what God called us TO DO.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.'"*

Recently, here at White Hill, there was a big collection of food and supplies for the homeless. And what a collection it was! I want to thank every single person who has supported this ministry year after year. And for everyone always thinking, "Hey, that would be good for Reprieve", and "what could we do to help Reprieve"?

Lastly, a PRAISE to Brian's story ... he just got his driver's license!!



MINISTRY *Update*

As we approach the close of 2025, we are grateful for the ways God continues to use His Church through Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) to transform lives, restore dignity, and equip neighbors across Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro. Below are a few highlights from the month of December as well as opportunities to join us in our year-end mission momentum.

Change Your Life (CYL) Class 33 – Graduation Celebration

On behalf of our staff, volunteers, prayer partners, and instructors, we are thrilled to announce the successful completion of **Change Your Life Class 33!** Kaya and Rebecca shared testimonies of God's transformative work in their lives over their 2 year CYL journey. Their graduation ceremony was held November 11th.

34 Neighbors worked diligently through a journey of transformation rooted in connection, accountability, faith, and practical life skills. CYL participants committed to weekly classes focused on topics such as budgeting, communication, identity, goal-setting, healthy relationships, spiritual formation, and overcoming barriers.

Please join us in celebrating this brave class, as well as the CYL family of volunteers who made it possible.

Lives are being changed because the Church is showing up with compassion, truth, and hope!

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MINISTRY *Update*

REPRIEVE Continued

So I struggled without losing faith but still struggled with my spirituality. I had found out that my mother had cancer and she lives in Indiana which is where I live now. And I had to go through a long process of getting things in order to where I could come back home to help her. So I got a pass from probation to go to Indiana for a month and then return back to Virginia and complete my probation which was a week after returning to Virginia. I went to court, everything was good, I was finally done with the system.

I spent my son's 21st birthday with him in June, he lives in Roanoke. And then I took the train back here to Indiana. But while I was in Virginia I met someone at the Lowe's in Stanton that is a good Christian man. He was looking for someone to do some work for him, and I thought that that was great because I needed money to get the things I needed to get back to Indiana. While working with this man and talking with him about my story, I had a huge epiphany. It was like God was speaking directly to me. And He told me that He had to remove everything from my life. All of the material things, people, and everything else that kept me from focusing on Him. I think that that was the strongest connection that I had felt to God since I had gotten baptized almost a year later.

So I moved back to Indiana and now I attend church, tons of Bible study. I read the Bible to my mother. Which has done her wonders. I still struggle just like Paul. But I learn more and more everyday and I'm so grateful for God's grace. Knowing that He loves someone like me. Knowing that He loves someone like me enough to wake me up and come after me.

So hopefully that wasn't too long...



I think that's more of a thank you to Frankie and Fidel for letting God use them to help save people like me.
Thank you Jesus.
Thank you Frankie.
Thank you Fidel. Reprieve ministry."
Brian



MISSIONARY *Updates*

TRAINING2 SEND continued



Projector Kits
\$2,058.00
per kit



Projector kits are being used by trainers as an entry tool into new villages to share the Gospel. Here is a recent testimony and picture from our trainer in Pakistan.
"Today I preach the gospel around a brick kiln!! And show them Jesus Film!! Around 7 families accepted Jesus Christ!!
Hallelujah!!"

Camels \$700.00 per camel



Camels are being used by trainers especially in the regions of North Africa where it is their main means of transportation. By partnering with the trainers there, you are equipping them with the means to cover large distances traveling, sharing the Gospel, and training up the local Church body with basic discipleship tools.

Motorcycles are the lifeline of the work especially in the remote fields of work where trainers may have to travel by foot miles or even days to reach villages inaccessible by other forms of transportation. When you supply a trainer with a motorcycle, you are enabling them to cover greater distances and quicker access to those who are still in darkness.



Motorcycles \$2,000.00 per moto



Thank you
for partnering with us!

MINISTRY *Update*

REPRIEVE



Hello White Hill!

Ain't God Good!! ALL THE TIME! Can you believe that November 30, 2019, Reprieve started sharing the Love of Jesus with people of Waynesboro & surrounding areas. **6 YEARS!!** Six years of sowing seed, watering seeds, Watching seeds grow. Watching fruit grow!

As I write this outreach update, tears come to my eyes of the ministry that God started 6 years ago. Started with a pot of chili and potato soup. I'm reminded of the bags we put together for that very meal right back there in the Family Life Center. I'm reminded of all the times White Hill has supported the ministry with serving, giving, making food, donations, and through faithful prayers.

I am reminded of all the people who have come through the ministry throughout these past 6 years. I think of those whose lives have changed; who are no longer in tents; who are clean and sober; who are changed individuals. I'm reminded how much God Loves Us All.

The individual we are going to hear from is the "one Jesus left the 99 for". I have written about Brian before, but let's hear it from Brian this time. I am adding this testimony to this update. **PLEASE LOOK AT THIS FROM BRIAN'S VIEW.** This is not about Frankie, please remember that.

"I'm going to try to put this in a nutshell without having to tell my whole life story. So during the beginning of COVID, I was addicted to drugs pretty bad. I was making the poorest decisions based on anything I could do to feed my addictions. I ended up getting kicked out of my house, and was in trouble with the law, so I couldn't leave Waynesboro which provided a stronger excuse for me to stay and continue to feed my addictions.

I first met Frankie when a departed friend of mine gave me his phone number cause I was looking for transportation to go to the hotel that was being provided for the homeless. So I called Frankie and he told me that he was having dinner with his family and that he could come and pick me up the next day. And so he did. I never met this man before, and out of the kindness of his heart, he came and picked me up and took me to the hotel. He tried to talk about how Jesus could turn my life around and was playing Zack Williams in his truck trying to get me to listen.

Fast forward a little bit ...

Got kicked out of the hotel and I ended up in the woods in Waynesboro. I was there for probably 6 or 10 days and then all of sudden Frankie and Fidel were coming down the road of tent city.

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MINISTRY *Update*

REPRIEVE continued

I think I was more or less afraid that they were there to kick us out. But that wasn't the case. They were there out of pure concern for the people who needed help. At that point in time I think I was so abusive to myself that I didn't want any help from anybody, I just wanted to wallow in my self pity. And I didn't want anyone interrupting my lifestyle that it had become. But after a while, in several visits to tent City, I had gotten fond of Frankie and Fidel. They would always pray with us and make sure that we was fed. Tried to help us with community service and multiple other things. Frankie had us all Christmas dinner at Fairfax Hall and invited the whole tent city. Which looking back on it, was so incredibly beautiful because that was the only Christmas that I had had in a few years.

So fast forwarding again, going from one tent city to another the new one dubbed the jungle, and my addictions and relationship problems and trouble with the law, family members dying. I had a son pass away and my father passed away and life just didn't seem like it liked me very much. I had lost every single thing that I held near and dear to me, the last little bit of everything that I had in a fire while I was in jail. So I think, like a lot of people that are in the position I was in, I was of course having suicidal ideations. I was definitely plotting to take my own life. Thank God that that didn't happen. And I know now that God can use everyone, believers and non-believers, to serve His purpose. I had a friend of mine that's a non-believer unknowingly save me from taking my own life one night. But I won't go into that.

So as time went on, I was going deeper and deeper down the rabbit hole with my addictions and I just didn't care much for anything or anyone anymore. I didn't care if I lived or died, or if people I liked, loved or hated, lived or died. But then I was at a crossroads, either go to jail and end up in prison, go to treatment and get help, or wait for my turn to die. So someone that I now consider to be one of my closest and dearest friends, through trauma and through my new found faith, went to treatment and caught recovery and pleaded with me to go to the treatment facility that she went to. So I did. While I was there I attended the Sunday morning recovery church study every Sunday and was asked to lead the service one Sunday while the recovery coach went to visit their newborn grandbaby. Of course I was happy to oblige. God had been striking a match in my heart and I kept blowing it out. But when I got out of a treatment through the course of dealing with some wreckage of my recent past, I ended up back in Waynesboro. And I was going to the Bible studies at the prayer room and I asked Frankie to baptize me in South River. It was an incredible day as Frankie says eight people followed me into the river that day. It made me feel really good. And then I moved to Harrisonburg in a recovery house. Fidel and Frankie both helped me with that the best that they could. I ended up getting a job at the Gemineshaft Home as The cook. I was going to a church in Harrisonburg, but I still wasn't feeling the connection to God that I felt like I should be feeling.



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