

BIRTHdays



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
Mary Lou Burtner	March 5	Randy Fairbanks	March 25
Caley Keenan	March 6	Carolyn Grant	March 26
Macarah Dent	March 7	Sharon Hale	March 27
Jaime Marshall	March 7	Shirley Englert	March 31
Richard Northrup	March 15	Doug Farrar	March 31
Matthew Riley	March 18	Adah Hicklin	March 31
		Hattie Hicklin	March 31

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IN TOUCH

MARCH 2021

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

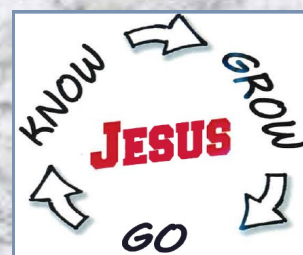
CHURCH events

- ⇒ Friday, March 5th @ NOON, World Day of Prayer
- ⇒ Saturday, March 6th, 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at the home of Nancy Thomas
- ⇒ Sunday, March 14th, Day-light Savings Time Begins — SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR
- ⇒ Sunday, March 28th, PALM SUNDAY

OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives
being used to transform
the world.

OUR MISSION:



JUST A thought

Dying to self

As human beings, there is nothing more natural than living a self-centered life. There is a constant drive in us to be concerned with our own interests and well-being, and anything else that leads to our comfort and contentment. It just seems natural, until our flesh runs into the Lord. God's love suddenly pushes against our self-centered lives. When Jesus declared, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24), He was exposing the destructiveness and inhibiting force of self-centeredness. The Bible declares, "When we were self-centered, the sinful passions aroused through the law were at work in all the parts of our body, so that we bore fruit for death" (Romans 7:5). In other words, self-centeredness leads to death because it is a vessel for sin. It is complete rejection of God, His love and our identity in Him.

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READINGplan



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?

PAYER – 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: Sharon Chappell

Location: Front of Sanctuary



Studying the Word—growing in relationship with the Lord.

Location: Family Life Center

Teacher: Tracey Chappell



Free by Andy Stanley

Here are two Bible verses everybody can relate to: 'I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do . . . For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.'

Can I get an 'Amen'?

Perhaps a 'Been there, done that'?

So what do you do when you just can't seem to do what you know you ought to do?

Fortunately, Paul who described the problem provided the answer. Come join us anytime!

Location: Back of Sanctuary

Teacher: Duane Burtner

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, March 21st



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- Youth who attend faith-forming events like National Junior High Conference.
- Volunteers who serve for a week or a year, beginning a lifetime of Christ-like service.

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The Shenandoah District Disaster Auction Coordinating Committee met Tuesday evening to evaluate the possibilities for holding this year's auction. Since the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 has significantly affected public gatherings, options for an online auction, with or without the possibility of viewing items in person during the auction week, are being explored.

If the decision to auction items online is made, congregations and individuals planning to donate quilts, wall hangings, furniture, and the like are asked to make arrangements for the advertising of the items in advance. Contact Catherine Lantz at (540) 896-7556 with questions about the auction.

More details will be shared in upcoming editions of the Shenandoah Update.

The Disaster Auction Coordinating committee will be distributing auction booklets in mid-March. Specific dates and times for pick-up will be sent to each congregations' auction representative in an email from the District Office in the coming days.

AUCTION BOOKLETS

Since the auction was canceled last year and donated items were not sold, the committee has opted not to reprint the auction booklet this year. The booklets, which were not distributed last spring, will be reused this year. Items donated after the printing of the 2020 booklet will be featured on the auction's [Facebook page](#) and any other digital platform that becomes available.

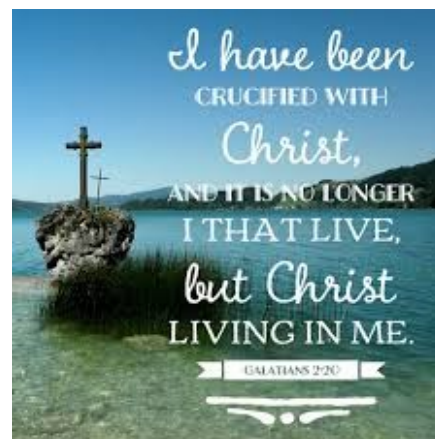
JUST A thought

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God's love compels us to love, care and share His Good News with others and desire His very best for them. It compels us to not pass judgment on others and to bear one another's burdens. It also compels us to be kind and forgiving and to "not seek (our) own good, but the good of others" (1 Corinthians 10:24). In reality, self centeredness inhibits us from both receiving and sharing God's love. Dying to self turns us from self-centeredness to God-centeredness. Self is no longer on the throne; God is.

Self-centeredness is deceitful in that it compels us to "protect" our own way of life at the expense of the Life God has created us for. Therefore, the only way to that Life is that we truly live this declaration, "I've been crucified with Christ, therefore, I no longer live, but Jesus Christ now lives in me" (Gal. 2:20)

"He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30



IN this LIFE



Saturday, March 7th
at the home of Nancy Thomas

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
MARCH 14



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

FOR THE RECORD

January 31—February 21, 2021

Offering	\$18,289.00
Building Fund/Principal	\$ 2,965.00
Frys	\$ 140.00
Restoration/Food Ministry	\$ 200.00
Womacks	\$ 100.00
Use Of Family Life Center	\$ 225.00
Reprieve	\$ 140.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Special Offering	\$ 1,631.00
Baby Bottle Drive	\$ 100.00

CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2021

PRESENT: Tim Holcomb, Miriam Weaver, Jimmy Madison, Mitch Moore, Tyler Meadows, Denise Gaddy, Tommy Harmon, Jim Chappell, Pete Baska, Sharon Moore, Dawn Hollingsworth, Krissy Thompson, David Thompson, Sam Beard, David Chappell, Jen Slack, Ken Slack, Tawnya Riley

ABSENT: Jim Culbertson, Frankie Hollingsworth, Tracey Chappell, Danny Grant, Duane Burtner, Cyndi Smiley, Dirk Smiley, Sheree Flippin, Lane Thomas
Meeting opened with prayer by Ken Slack for many church members, family, and friends in need of prayer.

Minutes from December 7, 2021 meeting approved as presented.

Reminder of Congregational Business Meeting packets located for pick up in the foyer; meeting scheduled for February 14, 2021.

Ministry Team goals for 2021 discussed:

Worship Team – Dawn Hollingsworth reporting:

- *No change to spiritual vision of team
- *Kim Shipe has agreed to work sound booth on a full-time basis. Jerry Hale's work schedule has changed & he will be available to once again work the sound booth.
- *Plans for evening services will remain on hold & will be revisited in the next few months.

Spiritual Formation Team – Ken Slack reporting:

- *No change to spiritual vision of team
- *"Wait to hear from the Lord" on direction for White Hill in 2021 (example: Kingdom Kids leaders)
- *Looking at a church-wide 40 day fast around Easter.
- *Planning for a bible study during the fast from Song of Solomon
- *Look into new Sunday School curriculum for pre-school-5th grade classes

Fellowship Team – Denise Gaddy reporting:

- *No change to spiritual vision of team
- *Will work with Pastor Dave for Easter plans: Love Feast, Sunrise Service, breakfast
- *Congregation meals will remain on hold & will be revisited in the next few months.

Missions Team – Tyler Meadows reporting:

- *No change to spiritual vision of team
- *Plans for more involvement in local community activities.
- *Update on missionaries:
 - Fry's returning home in April – would like to invite Ian as special speaker one Sunday
 - Pastor Richard (Kenya) – financial support needs
 - Abigail & Frank – have reconnected with Connect Ministries & plan to return to China. Will look at restarting financial support. Abigail is expecting a baby.

Evangelism Ministry Team – Pete Baska reporting:

- *No change to spiritual vision of team
- *More involvement/support of "Reprieve" & "Love Inc" ministries.
- No need to create something; need to unite with those already established
- *Participating with "Comfort Care" baby bottle fund drive
- *"Love Inc" in need of volunteers

Stewards Team – Mitch Moore reporting:

- *2021 Stewards Ministry Team Vision—
We continue to seek the Lord in all things and are so excited for the new year and our vision as a growing ministry team. It is our desire to seek out ways to use the resources the Lord has blessed us with & to provide discipleship and leadership to our youth. The playground continues to be an ongoing project that we are praying about for completion this year. Some other visions we have are a walking path around the property along the boundaries and through the woods. Also, very soon we will be getting estimates on line-stripping the parking lot. Other visions include getting more folks involved, including the youth with some things such as a garden and pumpkin patch on the property. We will continue to support other ministry teams.

*First Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

MINISTRY *Highlight*

We have communicated regularly with Valley Community Services Board Homeless Connection and continue to be a voice and advocate for local homeless who otherwise cannot complete necessary steps for housing applications. We have traveled to local tent "housing" areas in Augusta County and Waynesboro to provide food, warm weather clothing, tents, sleeping bags for homeless who have yet to be housed.

Although we continue to remain unable to serve warm meals indoors, we were able to cook and serve meals outdoors at Disciple's Kitchen, Waynesboro on certain days of the month throughout winter.



PERSONAL STORY: On November 29th, the same day as our church gathering for care packages at White Hill, Frankie received a call from a distraught man living outdoors in Staunton, VA. This individual, we will call S, was very emotional and hungry. We had been assisting this man for many months, mostly through mentoring and encouragement, and of course, food. We hadn't heard from S in quite a while. On this day, S had finally reached his breaking point and advised us he had not eaten anything in several days. He was embarrassed to reach out for help. It was a cold rainy evening when we drove to Staunton to bring him a care package and a warm meal. When we arrived, he was visibly crying and allowed us to hold hands with him, hug him and PRAY with him. We prayed that this would be his last night sleeping in the cold, and his last night dealing with the life of addiction!

We assisted him in applying for temporary housing with the WARM shelter. S continues to struggle with addiction and social anxiety; however, he is currently undergoing treatment for substance abuse in an in-house facility. We continue to pray and believe in deliverance for S!

VISION: We have a vision for 2021-2022 that we will gain more volunteers, and purchase or rent a building where we can hold "day activities" for local homeless such as job searches, counseling, and mentoring. We continue to pray for God's guidance as to how HE wants Reprieve to serve others. We could NOT touch these lives without your prayers! We appreciate each one of you for supporting, praying and believing in this ministry!

Donations can be mailed to Reprieve Inc. 230 Isle Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980. Frankie Hollingsworth can be contacted at 540-470-0011, or through email at Reprieve2545@gmail.com. We also have PayPal and VENMO set up to receive donations at this email address.

Thank you,
Frankie and Dawn Hollingsworth,
Reprieve Inc.



MINISTRY *highlight*



Reprive Inc. Winter 2021 Update

Reprive Incorporated is a nonprofit group

with a mission to feed the local homeless population. We are a 501c3 corporation, EIN is 84-4064698, established in November 2019.

Mission: We continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Our 2021 goals are to continue to provide food and necessities to homeless citizens and needy residents of Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro.

At the end of 2019, we started with a vision to feed local homeless. Due to Coronavirus 19 pandemic, we have been unable to host meals indoors as of March 2020. Our approach may have changed due to government limitations, but the mission continues.

As of January 2021, we have grown to include not only feeding the homeless but delivering groceries to local needy residents as well. We have started a small food bank and clothing closet at the Augusta Defensive Driving School's location in Waynesboro.

In December 2020, we were contacted by numerous families requesting help with holiday meals and providing gifts for their children. We did not advertise that we would be providing this help (since it wasn't our direct mission); however, we sought the Lord's guidance and decided to bless 3 local families, which included a total of 15 children. Through your donations, we were able to provide bibles, food, clothing, toys, and sanitary items for these families.

We continue to be involved in baby "L's" life. We had the opportunity to have her and her mother over to our home to join our family for the Christmas holiday. Baby

"L" and her mother are currently awaiting their own apartment, which should be available by the end of February 2021.

In November 2020, we spent time with many members of White Hill, putting together warm weather care packages. With the help of our church family and community volunteers, we have collected and distributed donations of bibles, household goods, clothing, personal care items and food throughout the pandemic. These packages were delivered the same day to much needed individuals! (see personal story below) We continue to do this on a regular basis.

On November 15, 2020, Reprive was invited to participate in a local coat drive at Rosenwald Community Center on Port Republic Road. We were able to join Jerry Wilmott of Evangel Missionary Church and his group of volunteers to give out many coats and warm socks to children and adults in need.

Throughout the pandemic, we have assisted with WARM (Waynesboro Area Refugee Ministries) activities of moving individuals into their own apartments and have provided household furnishings to three individuals.



Finance Team – no report per Tim Holcomb – team has not yet met

Sharon asked returning board members to partner with new members and develop them as leaders, reminding teams that new members need to be prepared to take over leadership roles as members transition off the board. These are our future board leaders.

Discussion on rescheduling the Congregational Business Meeting to February 28, 2021. Per polity, the congregation needs to have access to the meeting info/packets 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Because of the recent Sunday service cancellations, due to winter weather, not all members of the congregation may have been able to pick up the packets.

*Motion was made and seconded to reschedule the meeting to Sunday, February 28, 2021 immediately after service concludes

No discussion
Motion carried

New Business:

*Robyn Jones will add the Congregational Business Meeting packet information to the church website

*Ministry teams were reminded of individual meetings falling on the odd months of the year. Meeting notes should be turned in to Tawnya Riley before the following full board meeting. *Teams were also reminded to turn in their calendar of scheduled meetings to Tawnya Riley as soon as possible.

*Compensation Committee will be meeting soon to update the job description for the Church Secretary position, recently vacated by Edna Dunn, and begin the search process.

—Compensation Committee consists of: Chairpersons of the Finance and Worship Ministry Teams, Board Chair and Vice Chair, and Tawnya Riley. Pastors are participating, due to their significant involvement with this position on a day-to-day basis to operate the church.

—Sharon asked the entire Board for thoughts/suggestions on the search process.

Other Business:

*Mortgage is up for 5 year renewal. Interest rate unavailable for this meeting, Sharon will follow up with this info at a later date.

*Suggestion to update to Church Directory. This falls under the Fellowship team who will look into the logistics.

Pastor Dave:

*spoke on upcoming 40 day fast planned for March – more info to come.

*Phone tree format will experience a change. No longer just for prayer concerns but will also contain "praise days". This will consist of updates on prior prayer requests. Emergency-only prayer requests will be included on these days.

*"God is refining us", what is He doing today and what has He called you to? Let's not go back to the way we use to do things, nothing says we have to do things just because it's the way we've always done them! Stop waiting for COVID to be over, let's be today's church, whatever that may look like! We must change our mindset of waiting for COVID to be over before we can do anything.



Pastor Jim closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Mon, April 5, 2021 @ 6 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tawnya Riley, Assistant Church Clerk

MISSIONARY Update

**DEAN AND SYLVIA HEBRON
MISSIONARIES TO THE
WALTER GOMEZ EVANGELICAL SEMINARY,
PACHUCA, MEXICO
WE HAVE A MOST BLESSED MINISTRY**

Training young people for the work of the ministry is one of the most exciting ministries a believer could possibly have. However, it also comes with heavy responsibility! This training does not just involve teaching students good solid doctrine ("But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" Tit. 2:1 KJV), and giving them the tools with which to serve the Lord ("...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" Eph. 4:12 NKJ). It also involves instilling in them the dedication and resolve to remain faithful to the Lord no matter what ("Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58 NKJ)". It involves modeling a steadfast and pure life before them ("Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1 NKJ). We must be careful not to falter in this responsibility! ("My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment." Jam. 3:1 NKJ).

Please pray for:

- 1) The seminary teachers and staff to be good and faithful examples as we mold young minds and spirits.
- 2) Our seminary student body to be fully dedicated to making the most of their seminary years in preparation for full-time ministry.
- 3) Pray for the part-time ministries that our students are already involved in while at the seminary.
- 4) Pray for our graduates to remain faithful to the work God has given them—pastors, missionaries, children's ministries, and correspondence ministry.

5) Pray for protection from the coronavirus at the seminary facilities. It is not always possible to maintain social distance.

6) Praise God for Christian workers who are meeting the challenges presented by COVID 19, and are coming up with innovative ways to keep their ministries going and growing while, in some cases, having to be out of their country of ministry:

Ester

Our student who is creating a written version of a language so that the Bible can be translated into that language, has not been able to return to her field of ministry, after a furlough, because of Covid. During this time she is ministering to her parents (her mother is quite ill) while continuing to develop the unwritten language and also pursuing a master's degree in teaching her own language, to help in ministry.



Jorge

This former student from Nicaragua has been working in the mountains of Nicaragua. He and

a team from his church travel through very rough terrain, going house-to-house speaking to those who will listen. It is arduous work born out of love for the Lord. On a recent trip the team was able to visit more than 150 houses, more than 650 people heard the Gospel, 20 people placed their faith in Christ as Savior and 25 people recommitted their lives to the Lord.

Victor

Victor works in the drug-ridden border city of Reynosa, Mexico. He and his wife are working on planting a church. They have youth and children's activities and Bible studies for adults. They also barbecue chicken every few weeks and take it to families that have financial need. This had been a way to open doors and be able to witness to people. Both Victor and his wife had Covid-19 and have recovered. And twice in the recent weeks he has been stopped by drug cartel members and questioned, yet he feels strongly that God has him there to bring hope to these people who are in need.

Chuy

Chuy (on the right) has a burden to reach the unreached people of Queretaro. Paul Unruh, the field

leader, said, "There are no known Christians among the 30,000 people in the small towns he is visiting." Many of these people were going hungry and had little in the way of clothing. As Chuy has shown them the love of Christ by providing food and clothing, they offered Chuy and his team their choice of land, 600 acres, if they would come and work in the community. Never has anyone shown that they cared about these people. Doors are opening!

Additional note:

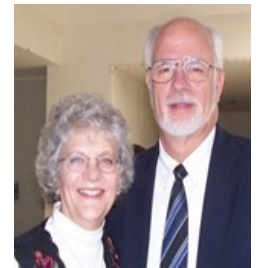
While we were working on much-needed repairs to our 90-year-old house recently, we had a wonderful unexpected blessing. Our son, Michael, asked for a day off from his job as a National Guard recruiter in order to help. His immediate boss decided to come also. Then he, without telling Michael, got permission from the overall head of recruiting in the area to have all of the area recruiters come help. The

Master Sergeant in charge also came and we had four extra helpers that day, most of whom had specialized skills like working with drywall and painting. The Master Sergeant even provided lunch for everyone! What a lot of work they got accomplished. As an additional blessing, Dean got to talk to Michael's immediate boss, who is an atheist, about why atheism doesn't make sense. Pray that God will use this conversation to work in his heart.

We want to thank you, our partners in ministry at White Hill Church of the Brethren, for your financial support and especially for your prayer for this work. Your partnership is what makes all this possible.

Yours for Mexico and beyond,

Dean and Sylvia
Hebron



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