

BIRTHdays



<i>Gayle Arehart</i>	<i>January 3</i>
<i>Mary Brown</i>	<i>January 4</i>
<i>Tawnya Riley</i>	<i>January 4</i>
<i>Helen Cash</i>	<i>January 6</i>
<i>Tim Holcomb</i>	<i>January 6</i>
<i>Sonya Harmon</i>	<i>January 7</i>
<i>Merlyn Dawson</i>	<i>January 8</i>
<i>Amanda Sutton</i>	<i>January 9</i>
<i>Thomas Madison</i>	<i>January 15</i>
<i>Ann Coffey</i>	<i>January 28</i>
<i>Jane Desper</i>	<i>January 28</i>
<i>Nancy Holcomb</i>	<i>January 31</i>

IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2021

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCH events

**January 1: New Year's Day; Church Office closed*

**January 2: 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study at the home of Nancy Thomas*

**January 10; CHURCH BOARD RETREAT in the Family Life Center (after Worship Service)*

**January 17; CHURCH BOARD RETREAT (inclement weather date)*

JUST A thought

2021: New Year, Same Jesus and Same Hope!

2020 was quite the year! Not because of a worldwide pandemic. Not because of the major social and political unrest in our nation. Not because much of what we were accustomed to was changed. 2020 was quite the year because regardless of the mass changes swirling around us, there was one constant. Jesus!

2021 will be quite the year! Not because of what may or may not happen with the pandemic. Not because of what may or may not happen in our nation. Not even because daily life may or may not return to some "normalcy". No! 2021 will be quite the year because there is one constant. Jesus!

He has given us his great promises. 2 Peter 2:14

He knows the plans He has for us. Jeremiah 29:11

He gives rest for our souls. Matthew 11:28-29

He gives strength to those that trust Him. Isaiah 40:29

He supplies all our needs. Philippians 4:19

He has made us more than conquerors. Romans 8:37

He has given us His peace. John 14:27

We have salvation through Him by faith. Romans 10:9

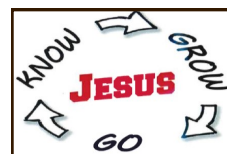
He gives abundant life! John 10:10

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is the reason for our blessed new year!

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.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?

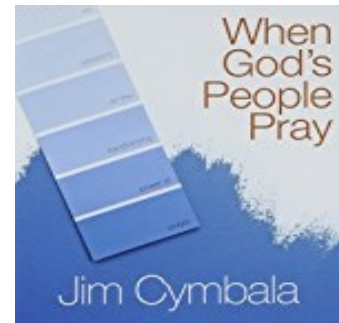
APPPLICATION – HOW CAN YOU MAKE THIS PASSAGE PERSONAL? WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY, TO APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE?

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.

January

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| 1 - Gen. 1-2; Luke 1 | 17 - Gen. 42-43; Ps. 5; Luke 17 |
| 2 - Gen. 3-5; Luke 2 | 18 - Gen. 44-46; Luke 18 |
| 3 - Gen. 6-8; Luke 3 | 19 - Gen. 47-48; Ps. 10; Luke 19 |
| 4 - Gen. 9-11; Luke 4 | 20 - Gen. 49-50; Ps. 8; Luke 20 |
| 5 - Gen. 12-14; Luke 5 | 21 - Ex. 1-2; Ps. 88; Luke 21 |
| 6 - Gen. 15-17; Luke 6 | 22 - Ex. 3-5; Luke 22 |
| 7 - Gen. 18-19; Ps. 3; Luke 7 | 23 - Ex. 6-8; Luke 23 |
| 8 - Gen. 20-22; Luke 8 | 24 - Ex. 9-11; Luke 24 |
| 9 - Gen. 23-24; Luke 9 | 25 - Ex. 12-13; Ps. 21; Acts 1 |
| 10 - Gen. 25-26; Ps. 6; Luke 10 | 26 - Ex. 14-16; Acts 2 |
| 11 - Gen. 27-28; Ps. 4; Luke 11 | 27 - Ex. 17-20; Acts 3 |
| 12 - Gen. 29-30; Luke 12 | 28 - Ex. 21-22; Ps. 12; Acts 4 |
| 13 - Gen. 31-33; Luke 13 | 29 - Ex. 23-24; Ps. 14; Acts 5 |
| 14 - Gen. 34-36; Luke 14 | 30 - Ex. 25-27; Acts 6 |
| 15 - Gen. 37-38; Ps. 7; Luke 15 | 31 - Ex. 28-29; Acts 7 |
| 16 - Gen. 39-41; Luke 16 | |

SUNDAY MORNING studies 9:30am



THE ADULT “BALCONY” CLASS
is doing a DVD Series
“When God’s People Pray”

Teacher: Sharon Chappell
Location: Prayer Room



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



Studying the Word—growing in relationship with the Lord.

Location: Family Life Center

Teacher: Tracey Chappell

CHURCH BOARD *minutes (cont.)*

Other Business

Edna will be retiring December 22 after 40 years of service!! We will be honoring Edna with Love, Thanks, and Blessings! Her position is 2 positions in 1 – Treasurer and Administrative Assistant. We will need an interim person in that role until her position is filled, especially to take care of the Treasurer part of her job, and to learn the accounting program. Bulletins, newsletters, and phones will also need to be taken care of. Teresa Beard graciously agreed to serve in the interim role until the permanent replacement is identified. The Compensation Team will need to meet as soon as possible to begin the search. All were in agreement that the Lord already has that person in route to White Hill Church. We, as a Board, simply need to keep this position lifted up in prayer. Sharon will reach out to Edna tomorrow to ask her to develop a daily/monthly/year-end tasks' list to assist the interim person (Teresa) and permanent replacement in discharging his/her duties.

Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Jim closed in prayer. Sharon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Beard, Church Board Clerk



MINISTRY *highlight*

THE WARRIOR IS A CHOIR!

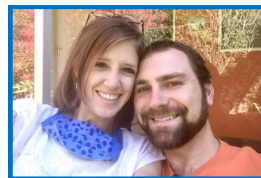
2 Chronicles 20 gives the account of 3 large armies that were marching against King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah. The King called everyone to a giant prayer meeting. At God's direction he gave the battle orders. 20:21 says: "*Jehoshaphat appointed a Choir for God; dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, 'Give thanks to God, His love never quits.'*" vs 22-23 tell us that as soon as the Choir started shouting and praising, God set ambushes against their enemies and they destroyed each other! **THE ARMY OF GOD WAS THE CHOIR.** When they sang praises to Him - God gave them Victory! What we had here was an incredible Worship Service. In the midst of naturally frightening circumstances, they had a supernatural encounter with Almighty God!

Our Choir is an army of God, a ministry of worship, praising Him in spite of circumstances. 2020 has been a challenging year in many respects. At times it seems, as with Jehoshaphat, the enemy has been in front of us and behind us. But the Word of God tells us to "*sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord, sing joyfully, sing a new song, come into His presence with singing*" so we're singing and expecting Victory - Victory over fear, plagues and those arrows the enemy has thrown at us. Songs such as *-YOU Deserve The Glory, LORD, YOU'RE Holy, THOU O Lord, Joyful, Joyful We Adore THEE* – are songs directed to God, giving Him honor and praise. These songs - *THROUGH the Fire, Jesus NEVER Fails, IN THE PRESENCE of Jehovah* - are about the greatness and goodness of God in our lives. And so we sing His praises with the expectation of Victory from the hand of our Great God and if the music is pleasing to the listeners, that is a plus. **GOD IS OUR AUDIENCE** - He is the ONE we sing for. He is our Victorious King, Creator, source of Salvation, Omnipotent Father, the ONE we strive to please - so, we love to sing, however, we sing because ...

...THE WARRIOR IS A CHOIR!
(2 Chronicles 20:21).

- Sharon Chappell

MISSIONARY *Update*



"Apart from me, you can do nothing."

2020 has been such a challenging year for us as a family, for me personally, as well as, for the entire world! God is incredibly opposite to our logic and thinking in His approach to training us, isn't He? When things are hard, I'd expect Him to let off a little bit, cool the "fire" of adversity and comfort us. While He does this sometimes, this year He has cranked up the heat exponentially, again and again. For nearly all of 2020, I have felt like I was living in a furnace, fueled 7 times hotter, much like Nebuchadnezzar's furnace in Daniel 3. Many times I have felt like this year, or really the circumstances we have encountered due to walking by faith in God's voice and leadings, would fully destroy me, becoming far too much to bear and I would crack under the pressure, the demands and the difficulties. This year, we've navigated a global crises, lockdowns and extensive health precautions while walking closely with a dear sister as she descended into deep depression, suicidal and self-harm thought patterns and actions, and eventually a deep resentment for us as her friends contending to be the voice of truth in her life. During this same stretching, painful, laborious and long-term struggle, God called us to adopt three daughters from the Village! That reality is glorious, but not without many emotional trials and challenges that have stretched and pushed us to the end of ourselves. That right there, that's the point, the purpose and the goal of 2020 for us as a family, "The end of ourselves."

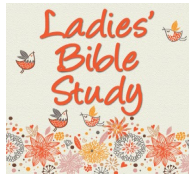
Before 2020, I would have told you that I was a maturing, strong, Spirit-empowered leader in God's family, walking with Jesus confidently and effectively.

Today, I am on my knees, spiritually, humbled to the core by the reality that I am nothing and can do nothing apart from Jesus! He's the good, He's the power, He's the capacity and capability. In Him, through Him and to Him is the only source of life, hope, joy, power and overcoming that I have. I have no strength on my own. I have no capacity on my own. I have no hope of overcoming apart from my King! These words are easy to write and believe at an intellectual level, but getting them down into the core of who I am, not in my mind, but *part of me* has been deeply stretching and painful. As I was running this weekend, I was crying out to God and asking Him to relieve the burden, to give respite, to help me to thrive again...to turn the fire down. To this He said, "I have allowed this intense fire to show you the pieces of your inner man that are not holy yet, the areas where you are not as mature, not as strong as you thought you were. Now, give them to me and let me heal them!" Weeping, I rejoiced in my Father's faithfulness. He never lets me be tested beyond what I can bear, but always provides a way to stand up under the trial and overcome, by grace, through faith, only as He empowers! (1 Cor.10:13)

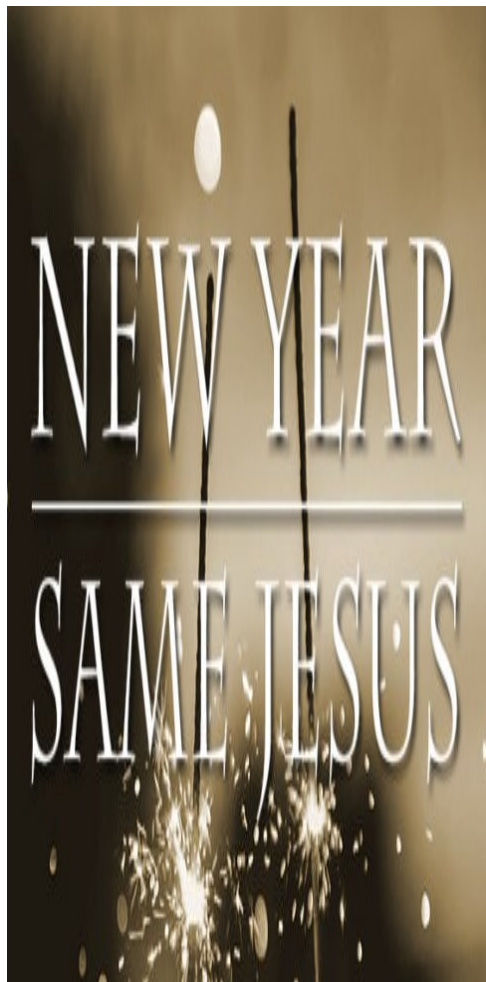
My encouragement to you all, brothers and sisters, is to recenter on the voice of God in our ongoing trials in this fallen, broken world. He IS with us. He IS working in us to make us like Jesus. Restoring His image in us is so important that He will allow tremendous trials to come and continue until His greater work is accomplished! So, let's embrace the heat, the pain, the fatigue associated with deep, heart change, and lift our hands in worship to the gracious Father who causes ALL things to work together for our good, because we love Him! (Rom. 8:28) Do not give up, believer! The calm after the storm is close at hand, hold on a little longer and cry out for the Master to speak "peace" yet once more! Soon, we will be recounting the wonder of God's faithfulness and grace, worshipping with multitudes of angels, full of peace, joy and hope unshakeable...all we've believed being fully realized before our eyes. Don't give up, this too shall pass and life with Jesus will continue wonderfully.

—lan & Heidi Fry—

IN *this* LIFE



Saturday, January 2nd,
10:00am at the home of
Nancy Thomas.



Church Board Retreat will be held January 10th, immediately following Worship Service. In case of bad weather, the Retreat would be held on January 17th.



FOR THE RECORD

December 2020

Offering	\$19,563.75
Building Fund	\$ 1,525.00
Youth	\$ 50.00
Use Of Building	\$ 100.00
Frys	\$ 100.00
Womacks	\$ 100.00
Hebrons	\$ 185.00
Richard Wanzala	\$ 500.00
Reprieve	\$ 40.00
Restoration Ministries	\$ 200.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ 1,600.00
Poinsettias	\$ 36.25

CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

DECEMBER 7, 2020

PRESENT: Sharon Moore, Mitch Moore, Danny Grant, Pete Baska, Sam Beard, Jimmy Madison, Tawnya Riley, Rusty Riley, Duane Burtner, Tyler Meadows, Ken Slack, Pastor Jim, Pastor Dave, Frankie Hollingsworth, Dawn Hollingsworth, Denise Gaddy (via phone), Cyndi Smiley, Teresa Beard

ABSENT: Shelby Cash, Dirk Smiley, Sheree Flip-pin, Lane Thomas, Tim Holcomb, Tracey Chappell, Jim Culbertson, Krissy Thompson, Miriam Weaver

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by Sharon.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Dave opened with prayer, lifting up numerous church members who have needs for healing and encouragement.

Approval of Minutes

The 10.5.2020 Church Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

BOARD LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Celebration/appreciation of members rotating off the board

Teresa Beard, Church Clerk

Shelby Cash, Missions

Rusty Riley, Stewards

Welcome new members

Tommy Harmon, Missions

Mitch Moore, Stewards

Tawnya Riley, Asst. Church Clerk

Jen Slack, Fellowship

Dave Thompson, Spiritual Formation

On behalf of the Church Board, Sharon thanked the members who have fulfilled their terms for their devoted and outstanding service to the Board and its Ministry Teams and, most important, to our Lord. She noted that leaving the Board does not mean the Ministry Teams no longer welcome their help and encouraged their continued participation. She also welcomed the newest members and expressed anticipation of working with them alongside

our Lord to accomplish His work in the coming year. She thanked everyone for their contributions and willingness to serve.

Prayer/Communion

Pastor Dave served Communion and led the Board in prayer. Sharon expressed appreciation to Miriam for providing the elements for Communion but indicated Miriam had to leave before the meeting began to attend to a family emergency.

Ministry Teams Vision Statements

Each Ministry Team should meet and go over their team visions so these may be presented to the Congregation at the February meeting. Please give these to the Church Board Clerk by January 18th so she can prepare them to give to the Church Secretary for printing the packets for the Congregation 2 weeks (January 31) before the February 14th meeting.

Ministry Team Reports

Missions Ministry Team..., submitted by Shelby Cash and Tyler Meadows

The Missions Ministry Team met via text during November and the following was discussed:

*The Congregational Business Meeting to be held November 8, and the 2020-21 Budget

*Operation Christmas Child – We talked about how to handle the project from start to finish

*CWS Blanket Project – We discussed what materials to distribute and how to handle informing the church.

Church Board Retreat

The 2021 Church Board Retreat will be held January 10 (inclement weather date is January 17) in the Family Life Center. More information will be forthcoming. Please be prepared to come and be blessed with Praise and Worship time, Communion, Prayer, and sharing what the Lord has been doing in your life. Pastor Dave will also be conducting an abbreviated version of the Discipleship Program he developed for the District. Discipleship has been a focus for the Board the past several years so we look forward to this training for the Leadership. Pastor Jim suggested a Faith building session with Scripture and Testimony. If any of the Board members have ideas of what they would like to see incorporated into the Retreat Program, please let Sharon know.

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