

BIRTHdays



Ruby Cline	May 2nd	Graham Baska	May 23rd
Sara Bays	May 5th	Dottie Kirtz	May 23rd
Curtis Beyeler	May 6th	Sharon Burtner	May 24th
Sharon Moore	May 9th	Bryson Stumpf	May 24th
Liam McHaffa	May 10th	Lindsey Gilbertson	May 26th
Janette Fortney	May 11th	Candace Renard	May 27th
Jeremiah Marshall	May 11th	Ivy Flippin	May 28th
Aaron Klein	May 18th	Ava Flippin	May 29th
Tyler Weaver	May 18th	Jim Culbertson	May 31st
Angela Lipscomb	May 22nd	Rebecca Kennedy	May 31st

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MAY 2021

IN Touch

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCH events

*SATURDAY, MAY 1ST @ 7:30am - Wood Day

*SATURDAY, MAY 1ST @ 10:00am - Ladies Bible Study @ the home of Nancy Thomas

*SATURDAY, MAY 8TH beginning at 7:30am - Men's Breakfast & Church Workday

*SUNDAY, MAY 9TH - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*SUNDAY, MAY 9TH - Parent/Child Dedication

*SUNDAY, MAY 16TH - Outdoor Worship Service

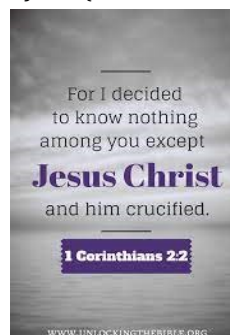
*MAY 21-22 — DISASTER AUCTION

*MONDAY, MAY 31ST—Memorial Day, Church Office will be closed

JUST A thought

Oswald Chambers stated in a devotion called, The Glory That's Unsurpassed:

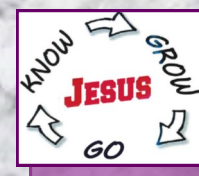
"When Paul received his sight, he also received spiritual insight into the Person of Jesus Christ. His entire life and preaching from that point on were totally consumed with nothing but Jesus Christ—"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Paul never again allowed anything to attract and hold the attention of his mind and soul except the face of Jesus Christ..."



OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives being used to transform the world.

OUR MISSION:



Knowing Jesus is far more than knowing His name, knowing where He was from, or knowing who His disciples were. Knowing Jesus is being in an intimate relationship with Him, now.

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READINGplan

S.O.A.P BIBLE STUDY

SCRPTURE — WRITE OUT ONE VERSE OR PASSAGE THAT WAS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

OBSEVATION — 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.

MAY

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| 1 - 1 Chr. 14-15; Ps. 132; Mt. 18 | 17 - 1 Ki. 2; 1 Chr. 29; Ps. 95; 2 Th. 1 |
| 2 - 1 Chr. 16; Ps. 106; Mt. 19 | 18 - 1 Ki. 3; 2 Chr. 1; Ps. 78; 2 Th. 2 |
| 3 - 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chr. 17; Ps. 2; Mt. 20 | 19 - 1 Ki. 4-5; 2 Chr. 2; Ps. 101; 2 Th. 3 |
| 4 - 2 Sam. 8-9; 1 Chr. 18-19; Mt. 21 | 20 - 1 Ki. 6; 2 Chr. 3; Ps. 97; Rom. 1 |
| 5 - 2 Sam. 10; 1 Chr. 20; Ps. 20; Mt. 22 | 21 - 1 Ki. 7; 2 Chr. 4; Ps. 98; Rom. 2 |
| 6 - 2 Sam. 11-12; Ps. 51; Mt. 23 | 22 - 1 Ki. 8; 2 Chr. 5; Ps. 99; Rom. 3 |
| 7 - 2 Sam. 13-14; Mt. 24 | 23 - 2 Chr. 6-7; Ps. 135; Rom. 4 |
| 8 - 2 Sam. 15-16; Ps. 32; Mt. 25 | 24 - 1 Ki. 9; 2 Chr. 8; Ps. 136; Rom. 5 |
| 9 - 2 Sam. 17; Ps. 71; Mt. 26 | 25 - 1 Ki. 10-11; 2 Chr. 9; Rom. 6 |
| 10 - 2 Sam. 18; Ps. 56; Mt. 27 | 26 - Prov. 1-3; Rom. 7 |
| 11 - 2 Sam. 19-20; Ps. 55; Mt. 28 | 27 - Prov. 4-6; Rom. 8 |
| 12 - 2 Sam. 21-23; 1 Th. 1 | 28 - Prov. 7-9; Rom. 9 |
| 13 - 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chr. 21; Ps. 30; 1 Th. 2 | 29 - Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10 |
| 14 - 1 Chr. 22-24; 1 Th. 3 | 30 - Prov. 13-15; Rom. 11 |
| 15 - 1 Chr. 25-27; 1 Th. 4 | 31 - Prov. 16-18; Rom. 12 |
| 16 - 1 Ki. 1; 1 Chr. 28; Ps. 91; 1 Th. 5 | |

SUNDAY MORNINGstudies 9:00am



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

BIBLICAL TRUTHS

Studying the Word—growing in relationship with the Lord.

Location: Family Life Center

Teacher: Tracey Chappell

OTHER news



Items for the live auction and items to be priced may be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday, May 20 from 10am—6pm or on Friday morning (May 21)

A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER JOHN JANTZI

As with many events over this past year, our Disaster Auction has had several iterations: from not being sure whether it was possible to have any event this year, to planning for a virtual online auction, to now planning for an in-person event at the Livestock Barn at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. The barn complex is a facility with the capacity to have the sides and ends open if the weather cooperates. We will be adhering to state guidelines for capacity, social distancing, and masks.

We invite you to gather in person on May 21 and 22 at the Barn Complex at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Although some familiar events, such as the Ham and Oyster supper, will be missing there are still plenty of reasons to come and support the expression of our common faith in Jesus Christ. A reminder that proceeds go to funding responses to natural disasters both locally and nationally. God's best to the volunteers and all those who put in countless hours in preparation for this event.

All food items will be for sale in one of the buildings close to the barn. Drive-by pick up for Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch options are being considered and more information will be released later about take-out food options. Unfortunately, the Friday evening oyster meal and the Saturday breakfast and lunch will not be available this year.

MORE INFORMATION IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD and DISASTER AUCTION BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER



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



God's Adventurous Future" 2021 ONLINE Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

Our delegates this year are Frankie & Dawn Hollingsworth

JUST A thought (continued)

It's no longer just believing that He exists, but instead, believing what He says to us and that He is faithful to His word. What we know of Him reflects what we believe that He knows about us. Knowing Jesus intimately truly is knowing salvation, love, freedom, transformation, etc. Is He our all in all? Chambers concluded His thoughts with this,

"Never allow anything to divert you from your insight into Jesus Christ. It is the true test of whether you are spiritual or not. To be unspiritual means that other things have a growing fascination for you.

Since mine eyes have looked on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside, So enchained my spirit's vision, Gazing on the Crucified."

Amen!



SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May 16th
June 20th
July 18th
August 15th**

IN this LIFE



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

On Saturday, May 8th, beginning at 7:30am, there will be a Men's Breakfast, followed by a Church Workday.

For more information on the Workday, please contact a member of the Stewards Ministry Team (Jimmy Madison, Sam Beard and Mitch Moore). Come join us for good food and fellowship!



A parent/child dedication service will be held on Mother's Day, May 9th



MAY 9

Monday, May 31st — Church Office will be closed



CHURCH BOARD MEETING *minutes*

CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 5, 2021

PRESENT: Jim Culbertson, Cyndi Smiley, Jen Slack, Ken Slack, Tracey Chappell, David Chappell, Jim Chappell, David Thompson, Dawn Hollingsworth, Miriam Weaver, Lane Thomas, Tim Holcomb, Mitch Moore, Sharon Moore, Denise Gaddy, Pete Baska, Tawnya Riley

ABSENT: Frankie Hollingsworth, Danny Grant, Duane Burtner, Dirk Smiley, Sheree Flippin, Jimmy Madison, Tyler Meadows, Tommy Harmon, Krissy Thompson, Sam Beard
Sharon Moore opened meeting with prayer.
Minutes from February 8, 2021 board meeting approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Calendars:

Group received copy of 2021 Board Calendar

Ministry Teams reminded calendars need to be submitted as soon as possible

Inclement Weather Policy:

Group created to assist in determining church closures due to inclement weather.

Members: Board Chairperson, Board Vice-Chairperson, Stewards Team Chairperson, Worship Team Chairperson, Spiritual Formation Team Chairperson, Pastor Dave and Ken Slack (VDOT contact)

Routine Financial Reporting:

Sharon suggested Finance Team give a report of the current state of finances for interpretation purposes. Lane expressed concern as to the amount of time this presentation could take. Sharon & Finance Team will meet to develop a condensed version.

Annual Audit (reported by Cyndi Smiley): Audit completed by Cyndi – much thanks from the group

Audit was very smooth with no anomalies identified.

There was a \$5000 shortfall between cash received and cash paid out resulting in a decrease in the checking account.

Online-giving: each transaction is charged a 3% fee which results in slightly less money actually received by the church. There may be some church members who do not realize this that use the online-giving option. It was noted a statement is posted on the site that explains the transaction fee and offers the option to increase the donation to cover the amount of fee.

2022 Budget Cycle:

Teams should begin working on their budgets sometime in July

Team budgets are due by August 2nd Board meeting

It was agreed to hold a budget workshop similar to last year and the Finance Ministry Team will assist other teams with budget prep as requested.

Mortgage Renewal Update (reported by Lane Thomas):

Finance Team working on refinance of loan (approximately \$600,000). Select terms include:

5-year term @ 3% (previous loan @ 5.25%
Approximate savings over previous rate is \$3,000/month.

Approximate closing costs: \$5000

FAMILY LIFE:

We praise God that Sikha, Catherine and Karen and myself are doing well. The good news is that Catherine and Karen have graduated from Liberty University and now they are working for a year and two. Thank God that they both were able to get work visas though it is only for one year or at the most two years. They both cannot live in this country due to their student visa status. Immigration challenges for them are enormous...either study or leave this country. We as parents want to see their future is settled here rather than going back to India where there is no hope for them.

After they finish their required work visa, they will have to go back to school again or leave the country. Please pray for them so that they can complete their remaining education and get their green card maybe by next year or following the year.

Finally, we want to thank God for everything and we want to echo the apostle Paul's words:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose...who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? ...yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Rom. 8: 28, 35 & 37).

We want to thank each one of you from the bottom of hearts for all you do for his kingdom and for his people like us. You have been a great blessing to us. I want to thank Pastor Dave for checking on us and luncheon fellowship at times.



Please know that you all are loved and prayed for. We humbly ask your continued prayers and ongoing support as we live by faith... trusting in the Lord for our today's needs this year and years to come.

In His Grace,

Kishor, Sikha, Catherine and Karen



Dear White Hill Church,

"Thank you" is not nearly a good enough expression

to tell you how grateful we are for you all! But since that's the only phrase we have THANK YOU so much for all you guys have done for our family as we've been serving in Zimbabwe! Your giving, your service, your time that you've given on our behalf is so humbling! There are probably many things you all have done for us that we are unaware of, so thank you for that as well! You have manifested the love of JESUS to our family, and we are grateful!

Love In Christ,

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Missionary Highlight

Dear Pastor Dave and members,

Sikha and I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your love, prayers and support. We are also thankful to the leadership and the entire church for thinking of us in your prayers without which we wouldn't have accomplished much of what we have accomplished for his kingdom. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and fellowship in the spirit that have strengthened us and motivated us to continue to serve the Lord both locally and overseas thus far. We would have done much more had there been no Covid-19 around. However, God is sovereign over everything!

The year of 2020 unpleasantly brought all mission activities to a complete stop all over the world. Our overseas mission trip/travel schedule was disrupted, our local preaching schedule to different churches, groups and donors had to be stopped. Despite this, we were able to do what was possible. This did not bring our morale down neither we become ineffective but rather we did much more than expected. God works mysteriously even through adversities. Amazing!

The biggest challenge for us was working from home. We had limited access to the office stuff like files, data, printer and other things that matters for our communication, publication, donor relations, information and projects. However, slowly we got adjusted to a new normal. We picked up the speed and were able to meet the goals and objectives at least to some extent to help the mission partners in South Asia Region.

RELIEF WORK:

In the middle of 2020, we worked hard to get the information from our partners from every country in South Asia and helped them with the resources like food, clean water, warm blankets and other things that would keep them from being starved.

RELIEF WORK *continued:*

The relief work paved the way to share the gospel more effectively and many souls were added into his kingdom. Many people have experienced the love of God and give their lives to the Lord. Praise God!

FOREIGN FUNDS RESTRICTIONS:

It was unfortunate to know that the government of India took a hard decision against the Christendom to stop foreign funds. Our partner organizations have suffered since then and even now they are suffering. In addition to that many Christians have come under attack from the Hindu mobs controlled by the local official. Due to these challenges many of our partners are living under fear even now. We were able to pray with them and help them with whatever we could so that they are encouraged.

And now, according to a latest report, India is hit by the second wave of Covid-19. Millions are affected by this dreaded disease all over India. Sadly, many missionaries are Covid positive and some have died last week. May the Lord have mercy on India, Bangladesh, Nepal and other neighboring countries.

ZOOM MEETINGS:

Thank God for the technology. We are able to connect with our partners at least on Zoom every now and then. I have zoom meetings everyday with our partners from South Asia, churches and individual donors in different states here, overseas potential partners meetings related to work and administration and other schedules. We are so happy that we are able to connect with everyone through these means and fellowship and pray with each group. Since last month, I have started teaching Biblical Doctrinal topics to our missionaries in Bangladesh. The response just great. Everyone one is enjoying the study more deeply.

*Motion made to authorize the

Trustees to execute the loan note on behalf of the Board – motion 2nd & carried

*Motion made by the Finance Team to pay closing costs up front – motion 2nd & carried

*Motion made by the Finance Team to continue making the same monthly payment under the new terms, designating the additional amount as principal – motion 2nd & carried

ACE Co-op Home School 2021-2022

School Year:

Group interested in using the facility for upcoming school year as well as what we would require of them under COVID restrictions.

*Motion made to continue to allow ACE to use the building for new school year and they must follow whatever COVID restrictions are in place at that time – motion 2nd & carried

Brethren Woods Update:

Approved to operate this year

Season will run June 27 through late July

We have families who have expressed interest in attending camp this year.

Unlikely White Hill will be able to coordinate a week for just our church families this year as we have done in the past.

Our budget has allotted monies to assist in camp scholarships (50/50). If we have high registration & not enough in the budget to cover scholarships, we can reach out to congregation for additional funds as has been an option in past years.

Spiritual Formation Team will work on getting flyers out as soon as possible.

Church Secretary Position:

Compensation Committee made a recommendation to the board to amend the current polity that requires the Secretary position to be filled by someone outside of the congregation (Article 6.3.C). To allow more flexibility in filling the position when needed, the recommendation is to strike the last sentence of Article 6.3.C. After much discussion, - motion 2nd & carried. The Board will take this recommendation to the congregation at a called business meeting. The date is yet to be determined but will be scheduled in accordance with Polity requirements.

*Motion made to prepare a compensation package & formal offer to Teresa Beard if the polity change is approved by the congregation. If the polity change is not approved, the committee will move forward with finding an outside candidate to fill the position.

Teresa Beard has stated her willingness to remain in the job permanently if it is God's desire as well as the White Hill Church congregation.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Pastor Special Request Time Off: David and family have an opportunity to travel this summer out west and attend a church conference in Oklahoma City.

*Motion made to grant Pastor Dave 5 weeks off for this trip.

Discussion: the board supports giving David the time needed for this trip. When asked how much time he thought they would need, he stated he would like to take July 1 – Aug 10 (6 weeks).

*Amended motion made to recommend approval of this time – motion 2nd & carried

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CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

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New Trustee, Mitch Moore:

Lane announced a letter has been received from the Circuit Court of Augusta County stating Mitch Moore is officially listed as a Trustee of White Hill Church of the Brethren.

VBS:

Tracey Chappell asked if there was any interest/support from the group in holding VBS this year.

She spoke to Sharon Chappell to see if she is willing to hold VBS this year. Sharon is willing if the Board is in support as well as asking, what would it look like? Would we require masks? Distancing? Everything outdoors?

The Spiritual Formation Team will look into it further. They may reach out to area churches to see if there are plans for VBS this year. Possibility of combining with another church. Maybe it would be only 3 days rather than a full week. Lots of options to look into.

A modified format could prepare us for starting back up Wednesday night ministries this fall.

Pastor's Message (David Chappell):

Discussed attendance at Good Friday as well as Easter Sunday services. Over 200 people attended these services. People are ready and desiring to meet together again. Ready to be free from the oppression over the past year. "Lord, continue to draw us out."

Pastor Dave, Pete Baska & Tommy Harmon held a zoom meeting with Pastor Richard (Kenya) recently. He shared a virtual tour of their meeting facilities (recently damaged by heavy rains). Also shared the opportunity to purchase an egg incubator at a cost of \$2000 which would be a financial benefit for local farmers. David will be sharing more information with the congregation regarding this situation.

The Board acknowledges and appreciates Pastor Dave, the Fellowship Team, and everyone else who worked to organize all the services between Friday and Sunday. Special prayer was asked for Sally Hicks dealing with a serious health issue at this time.

David closed with prayer

Next meeting Monday, June 7 @ 6 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tawnya Riley, Assistant Church Clerk

FOR THE RECORD

April 2021

Offering	\$22,035.62
Building Fund/Principal	\$ 4,004.50
HEBRONS	\$ 185.00
FRYS	\$ 240.00
WOMACKS	\$ 200.00
Restoration Ministries	\$ 150.00
PASTOR WANZALA	\$ 400.00
ANM (Kishor)	\$ 100.00
Love INC	\$ 100.00
REPRIEVE	\$ 50.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ 685.00
Use of Family Life Center	\$ 25.00
Flower Fund	\$ 35.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 102.50

Ministry Highlight



**SERVE THROUGH
LOVE INC TODAY!
BE THE MOBILIZED CHURCH
INTO THE
COMMUNITY**

Loving Your Neighbor Program (LYN) A series of bible-based classes that provide our neighbors with skills to move forward in life. This is the hand-up part of Love INC's ministry!

Teaching - Do you have gifts of teaching and have the desire to influence through these gifts? We have a need for your teaching skills in our adult classes and for our children and youth.

Spiritual Friend - If you would enjoy being a friend to one of our neighbors and help to guide them along the path of self-discovery and a deepening awareness of what it means to walk with God who knows them and loves them personally, then consider being a Spiritual Friend. We will need for you to have completed the Redemptive Compassion class prior to becoming a Spiritual Friend.

Transportation - Do you enjoy the thought of picking up a van full of people who can't wait to get to their destination (LYN)? You even have a hot meal waiting for you when you arrive. If so, then we could use your skills as a van driver.

Meal Prep - If you and your church group enjoy creating and serving a hot meal this could be for you. We are always looking for groups of people to help prepare a meal for LYN. This meal will help to feed 50-75 people

Photographer - We need someone with photography skills to photograph each evening! Take photos of classes in session, edit them, and send them along to the communications director!

Gathering Place / Treasures for Love

Thrift Stores Our thrift stores where we sell items and clothing donated by our community.

Cashier / Greeter - if you enjoy greeting people, engaging in conversation, making people feel welcome then either position could be for you. If you have a background as a cashier, please let us know.

Pricer - Some people love to hold or go to garage sales and have a good knowledge of pricing items. You may have a knowledge of antiques, furniture, jewelry, and vintage items as well as their value. We have many items that need to be priced before they go out on the floor.

Display - perhaps you have a desire and a knack for making those little touches that transform the look of an area. This may involve hanging clothes, arranging items on the floor, or on a shelf. If you are artsy and creative then consider this position.

Donation Center Our central location where we receive donations from the community.

Sorter - This position will allow you to work alongside others helping to sort clothes and other items we receive at the warehouse. If you love conversation and have a knack for organizing this could be for you.

Delivery Team - This position will involve the loading and dropping off of items to our neighbors. If you enjoy meeting new faces, the opportunity to pray and bless people and help meet the needs of our community this could be for you. This job does require the strength to occasionally move some heavier items.

Clearinghouse This is where the relationship with our neighbors begin! We talk, visit, and pray for those in our community.

Receptionist - Some people are able to reveal the love of Christ over the phone. This position will be the first contact with our neighbor and will begin a relationship that will help to determine if and how we will be able to help. The receptionist will also receive many calls for the community regarding donations, resources, and potential volunteers. We want everyone who calls to know that they have been heard, understood and loved.

Intake Worker - If it is felt that Love INC can be of help a call is made to determine how we can best help by understanding their life story further. It is very important for the Intake Specialist to have good communication skills and have the ability to be kind, patient, and see everyone's value.

Clarification Worker - These volunteers make face to face visits with our neighbors in their home in order deepen our relationship with each other. It is important that this person have the ability to encourage, inspire, and to see through the eyes of Jesus as we seek to serve in ways that transform. These visits provide the opportunity to both share the love of Christ and to pray.