

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>JoAnn McCutcheon</i>	<i>January 19</i>
<i>Betty Thompson</i>	<i>January 24</i>
<i>Frances Chandler</i>	<i>January 26</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>

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everyone. everywhere. everyday.



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IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2020

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHURCH events

- January 1st: New Year's Day Church Office Closed
- January 4th: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study at the home of Nancy Thomas
- January 11th: UPWARD Games begin for the season
- January 11th: WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH
- January 12th: CHURCH BOARD RETREAT
- January 16th: 11:30am 55+ Luncheon and Bible Study

JUST A thought

2020 Vision



"Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

When John the Baptist made this statement, it was coming from His joyful realization that being "self-focused" would keep us blind and unfruitful but being Jesus focused would enable us to clearly see God's will and produce fruit.

That's what I want. I want to know the joy of doing what God's doing and watch Him produce great fruit through my surrendered life. In fact, that should be the focus of the entire Body of Christ! Jesus must increase and we must decrease!

Lord,

Increase our love for you as the greatest treasure of our hearts.

Decrease the love of those things that are less than you and can become idols in our lives.

Increase our love for others even when they don't show the same love.

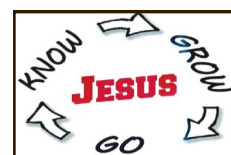
Decrease our love for "self" and our desire to protect "self" at any cost.

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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?

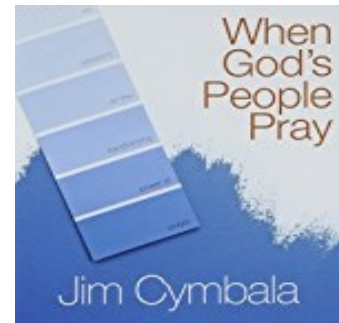
APPPLICATION – HOW CAN YOU MAKE THIS PASSAGE PERSONAL? WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY, TO APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE?

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.

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: Balcony



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: Lane Thomas

CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

DECEMBER 2, 2019

PRESENT: Dirk Smiley, Frankie Hollingsworth, Dawn Hollingsworth, Tyler Meadows, Shelby Cash, Nancy Thomas, Lane Thomas, Jim Cash, Ken Slack, Jim Culbertson, Duane Burtner, Mitch Moore, Sharon Moore, Sam Beard, Pastor Dave, Tim Holcomb, Pastor Jim, Pete Baska, Tawnya Riley, Rusty Riley, Tracey Chappell

ABSENT: Danny Grant, Cyndi Smiley, Sheree Flippin, Denise Gaddy, Krissey Thompson

Dirk opened with prayer and called the meeting to order.

Any Ministry Team reports from last month are to be given to Teresa.

A very special thank you was expressed to Jim Cash, Mitch Moore and Nancy Thomas, who have faithfully served on the Church Board and will be leaving this year.

We also welcomed our new members: Frankie Hollingsworth, Cyndi Smiley, Dawn Hollingsworth, Tracey Chappell, Denise Gaddy, Shelby Cash, and Jimmy Madison.

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the 11.10.19 Congregational Business Meeting.

Seconded. DISCUSSION: There was an error in wording, and should be stated as follows (corrections are highlighted)

*Building Fund/Savings Account Report January 2019 – September 2019:

Motion made to move \$40,000.00 from the General Fund Checking Account (currently \$117,604.68) to the **BUILDING FUND PRINCIPAL** to pay towards the **BUILDING MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL**. Seconded.

Discussion - *Jim Cash noted that last year (2018) at this time, the **BUILDING MORTGAGE BALANCE** was \$859,000. The balance today is \$759,136 and should be close to \$700,000 by December 31st.*

Building Fund/Savings Account Report January 2019 – September 2019 {with the \$40,000.00 moved from the General Fund Checking Account} was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion made to amend the wording in the paragraph above. Seconded. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve Frankie Hollingsworth as Church Board Vice Chairman.

Seconded. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. No new business.

Nancy Thomas reported that \$900.00 was received from a wedding/reception this past Saturday. They did a very nice job in cleaning up! These monies will go toward the Building Mortgage Principal.

Sharon Moore, new Church Board Chairman, presided over the continuation of the meeting.

Dirk will help with the transition. Dirk will be heading up the Gifts and Discernment Team, and they will be working alongside with Ministry Teams and the Congregation.

January Church Board Retreat: The Executive Team will get together to plan the Retreat, including meal and when and where. January 12th, after Worship, may be the best day with January 19th as the inclement weather date. Goals will be discussed during the Retreat and Ministry Teams should have a planning meeting before then. Sharon will send out an email to confirm.

Goals should be given to Teresa by January 20th, 2020, so she can prepare them to give to Edna. Edna will then need to print packets to have them available 2 weeks prior to the SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH Congregational Business Meeting (Date in the Church Board Handbook is incorrect, February 16th will be the inclement weather date).

Sharon is excited about this upcoming year. We have an awesome group to do the Lord's will. Thank you for serving, and welcome to all new members!

Contact information – if anything is incorrect, please see Teresa.

PASTOR JIM: Suggestion and Reminder... Ask the Lord to speak to us through the Holy Spirit and show us HIS perspective and thoughts. Prayer should be our focus when we come to the Retreat. The Lord will lead us and guide us. God is doing great and mighty things all over. We want to hear from God! Ask for wisdom. We are HIS church and HIS people. PASTOR DAVE: We need to get our eyes on what the Lord wants instead of what we want. HAVE FAITH – large or small. It is by faith that we live. Listen to what the Lord has to tell us. Lord, give us the vision, 2020. The Lord is already doing HIS work here. The Word is the truth, stand firm on that. Be in the Lord's presence. HE loves us!

Several area churches in the Stuarts Draft area would like to come together 1 Sunday per month for a "Unity Service". Please pray for that.

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MISSIONARY *Update*

Hello Brothers and Sisters of White Hill:

Currently, our hearts are pleasantly overwhelmed! We write to you the morning after Sunday, Dec. 29, when our sending church, Central Baptist in Columbus, Ohio had a special send-off service for us before we leave for Zimbabwe very early next Sunday morning, Jan 5. Many brothers and sisters participated in making it a truly wonderful day. Several Pastors from Ohio, Indiana, and Virginia joined in the evening, offering a word to us, pointing our eyes to our faithful God! We have a Father "who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think according to the power at work within us" (Eph. 3:20).

We're remembering that "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him" (2 Tim. 2:4). This calling to Zimbabwe—or to anything for that matter, brother or sister—is all about the **Sender**. It is not about what we might deem "the mission" or what we might focus on accomplishing, but it's about our Enlister! He is a wonderful Savior! He is the One who we must seek to please! As we keep our eyes on Him, and our hearts focused on His will, we will remain in the will and calling of our Sender.

In Revelation 4 & 5, John was privileged to see a "people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" who had been ransomed by the blood of Christ (5:9). John saw them, and now we get to share in gathering them in! John saw Zimbabweans, Shona men and women, from the unreached VaDoma tribe, and we have the joy of participating in getting them there! Hallelujah! And you do too, White Hill! You are little "s" senders, following the will of the Sender, getting us sent! And we rejoice that we're not just being sent, but we are being sustained! And that not merely financially, but through the prayers of the saints being offered to the Sender.

We are spending this last week in the States getting things packed and weighing suitcases, signing our will, saying goodbyes, planning for a big trip with three young kids (about 24hrs in the flights and layovers)! There are lots of little, seemingly "unspiritual" parts of obeying Christ, but He is a worthy of everything, every detail! In Luke 17:10, Christ said, "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done
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JUST *Athought* (cont.)

Increase our faith and our trust in your promises.

Decrease our trust in what we see and what we hear and the circumstances of our lives.

Increase our passion to make much about Jesus's reputation.

Decrease our passion to make much about our own reputation.

Increase our faith and trust in your power and our willingness to provide all that we need.

Decrease our fear driven attempts to provide financial and material security for ourselves.

Increase our sense of the truth, the power, and the freedom of the resurrection.

Decrease our fear of sickness and death.

Grant us 2020 Vision as this body of believers joyfully declares, "Jesus must increase and we must decrease!"

PASTOR DAVE

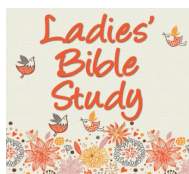
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UPWARD practices will be held on Mon., Tues., & Thurs. during January and February. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Jan. 11th. Come out and support the teams.



Saturday, January 4th at the home of Nancy Thomas.



The 55+ will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 11:30am for a luncheon and Bible Study. You are ask to bring a covered dish to share. Please contact Pastor Jim for further information.

MISSIONARY *update*

what was our duty." "Jesus said that unless we love Him above everything and everyone dear in our lives, we are not worthy to be His disciples (Matt. 10:37-39). And what a glorious thing that as a believer hands his life over "suffer[ing] the loss of all things" he "may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of [his] own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith." (Phil. 3:8-9)! We are unworthy, but made worthy! Hallelujah!
We thank you and love you, White Hill! All glory to Jesus!
-The Womacks



Church Board Retreat



Church Board Retreat will be January 12th. More information is forthcoming.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR JANUARY

January 5th	Genny Rogers
January 12th	McKession Irvine
January 19th	Jessica Meadows
January 26th	Sharon Hale

FOR THE RECORD

December 2019

Offering	\$31,754.63
Building Fund	\$3,856.83
Wed. Night Meals	\$30.10
Use Of Building	\$1,100.00
Frys	\$370.00
Womacks	\$360.00
Hebrons	\$150.00
ANM	\$100.00
Love INC	\$200.00
Stewards	\$400.00
Use of Van	\$100.00
Fellowship	\$625.00
Poinsettia	\$193.75
Special Offering	\$1,000.00
Benevolence Fund	\$305.00

MINISTRY *highlight*

Obey...then trust

God is looking for people who will be faithful with little so that He can entrust them with more. Whatever you've been assigned to do TODAY, do it with ALL your heart. What desire has God placed in your heart?
Find comfort in knowing that God wants to do more than meet your expectations. He wants to EXCEED them. Take heart in the fact that God can do far more than we can even think to ask of Him. Expect God to move, trust His process, and watch your faith grow. The Lord spoke to Dawn and I and opened our eyes to a need in the community. The Lord said "feed my people." We devised a plan to prepare a hot meal and give out care packages to local homeless people. We saw God move throughout the entire process of feeding and caring for the homeless. Through donations and volunteers—all the way to the homeless men and women whose lives were touched. These struggling men and women are our neighbors. We also helped open hearts and have begun creating relationships/friendships with quite a few people. We were blessed beyond belief. Not only were we able to bless our homeless neighbors, but our volunteers were blessed as well. We learned a great deal about our Neighbors. Which is where God is leading us Now. The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke is an example. The Good Samaritan said "When I return". So we aren't done yet. We have learned. On Sunday they have no place to go after church. God has given us a place through our business where we can continue to feed His people. Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm until 5:30pm during winter months we plan on meeting with our homeless neighbors, sharing a simple meal and watch movies. Through this we can build trust, and get to know each other a little bit better. Sharing the love of Jesus.
We plan on a get together in the Spring and Summer months also. We are continuing to pray for guidance and direction for where God is leading us but there is no doubt about it; God loves the homeless, and He has given us a love for them as well. We also want to thank each of you for your prayers and donations for this ministry. Much Love!
Frankie and Dawn Hollingsworth

CHURCH BOARD *minutes (cont.)*

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Finance Ministry Team: Jim Cash, Tim Holcomb, Lane Thomas

The Finance Ministry Team continues to receive tithes and offerings, records and deposits weekly in Atlantic Union Bank. Also be advised that a payment in the amount of \$43,600.00 has been applied to the Principal on the building note.

Missions Ministry Team: Nancy Thomas, Shelby Cash, Tyler Meadows

The Missions Ministry Team met November 22, with new member Shelby Cash. Nancy Thomas gave advice to help with the transition into the coming year. A calendar with a breakdown of monthly responsibilities was discussed. Several goals were also discussed *

*GOALS:

--Do more with missions in our local community.

--Support Frankie Hollingsworth

Everyone prayed to close out the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Beard, Church Board Clerk

2020 MINISTRY TEAMS

Worship Ministry Team

Cyndi Smiley, Chair

Dawn Hollingsworth, Vice Chair

Danny Grant, Secretary

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

Ken Slack, Chair

Tracey Chappell, Vice Chair

Fellowship Ministry Team

Sheree Flippin, Chair

Denise Gaddy, Vice Chair

Missions Ministry Team

Tyler Meadows, Chair

Shelby Cash, Vice Chair

Community/Evangelism Ministry Team

Jim Culbertson, Chair

Pete Baska, Vice Chair

Duane Burtner, Secretary

Stewards Ministry Team

Sam Beard, Chair

Rusty Riley, Vice Chair

Jimmy Madison, Secretary

Finance Ministry Team

Tim Holcomb, Chair

Lane Thomas, Vice Chair

Gifts & Discernment

Dirk Smiley, Chair

Krissey Thompson, Vice Chair

Tawnya Riley, Secretary

Board Chair

Sharon Moore

Vice Chair

Frankie

Hollingsworth

Church Clerk

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Moderator

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