

## AUGUST BIRTHdays



Holly Lotts  
Charlotte Meadows  
Nick Jones  
Colin Maryman  
Justin Northrup  
Justin Stewart  
Scotlynn Baska  
Grant Renard  
Tracey Chappell  
Derrick Bennington  
Susan McDaniel  
James Weeks, Jr.

August 1st  
August 2nd  
August 3rd  
August 3rd  
August 4th  
August 4th  
August 7th  
August 9th  
August 10th  
August 12th  
August 14th  
August 15th

Julia Slack  
Chayla Parker  
Lane Thomas  
Emersyn Stumpf  
Freda Weaver  
Kyra Thompson  
Jared Williamson  
Julia Cash  
Dirk Smiley  
Cameron Smiley  
Scott Cash  
Austin Burkholder

August 17th  
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August 20th  
August 21st  
August 22nd  
August 23rd  
August 24th  
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August 28th  
August 29th  
August 31st

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# INTOUCH

NEWSLETTER OF WHITE HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## CHURCH events

**Aug 1 Communion**

**Aug 2 Church Board Mtg  
@ 6pm**

**Aug 14 Ladies Bible Study @  
the home of Nancy  
Thomas at 10:00am**

**Aug 22 OUTDOOR WORSHIP  
Family Sunday**

## JUST A thought ... from Pastor Jim

Our Sunday School Class has been studying **TRUSTING GOD** and how we can learn to put our trust “stakes” in Him. There is a great illustration of this from the Scottish pastor, Alistair Begg who, as a young 12 year old boy, living in Scotland, would go camping with a youth organization. On one occasion they were camping in the northeast of Scotland, and went on a day trip, leaving their tented village behind. While they were away from camp the weather deteriorated significantly and winds blew very strongly. By the time they arrived back at the campsite a number of the tents had been blown away, some of them actually being blown over the edge of a cliff. The tent that he was in with five other boys and a tent officer was literally hanging in the wind. But it was finally erected once again.

As he lay there that night he began thinking, “I’m glad this is not my permanent home. I’m only here for a short time. I get to go home.” And the second thought was, “I’m glad that whoever hammered in the tent pegs for our tent hammered them into good solid ground, and did so very securely.” It was obvious that the tents that blew away had not been fastened well or into solid ground.

That story, from a 12 year old boy, helps us to understand the importance of **TRUSTING GOD** and why we must fasten our “heart pegs” securely in Christ and His Word. *Let our prayer be:*

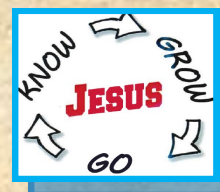
*“Lord Jesus, help me to have the tent pegs of my life fastened completely into my confidence in You so that in every circumstance of life, I will be **SECURELY TRUSTING IN YOU**. Help me to always look to You, asking you to come and meet with me, so that I may be found trusting and rejoicing and singing.”*



## OUR VISION:

**To be transformed lives  
being used to transform  
the world.**

## OUR MISSION:



# READINGplan



**S**CRPTURE – WRITE OUT ONE VERSE OR PASSAGE THAT WAS MEANINGFUL TO YOU

**O**BSERVATION – WHAT ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS YOU CAN MAKE ABOUT THE PASSAGE? WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT DO YOU LEARN?

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

**P**RAYER – 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.

## AUGUST

1 - Is. 65-66; Ps. 62; Jn 3  
 2 - 2 Ki. 21; 2 Chr. 33; Jn. 4  
 3 - Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5  
 4 - 2 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 34; Jn. 6  
 5 - 2 Ki. 23; 2 Chr. 35; Jn. 7.  
 6 - Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8  
 7 - Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9  
 8 - Jer. 1-2; Jn. 10  
 9 - Jer. 3-4; Jn. 11  
 10 - Jer. 5-6; Jn. 12  
 11 - Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13  
 12 - Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14  
 13 - Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15  
 14 - Jer. 16-17; Ps 96; Jn. 16  
 15 - Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17

16 - 2 Ki.24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18  
 17 - Jer. 23, 25; Jn. 19  
 18 - Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20  
 19 - Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 21  
 20 - Jer 48-49; Ps 67; 1 Jn. 1  
 21 - Jer. 21, 24, 27; Ps. 118; 1 Jn. 2  
 22 - Jer. 28-30; 1 Jn. 3  
 23 - Jer. 31-32; 1 Jn. 4  
 24 - Jer. 33-34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5  
 25 - Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; 2 Jn.  
 26 - Jer. 50-51; 3 Jn.  
 27 - Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144  
 28 - Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2  
 29 - Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3  
 30 - Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4  
 31 - Ezek. 12-14; Rev. 5

# SUNDAY MORNING *studies* 9:00am



## THE ADULT "BALCONY" CLASS

**Teacher: Sharon Chappell**  
**Location: Prayer Room**

**Free by Andy Stanley**

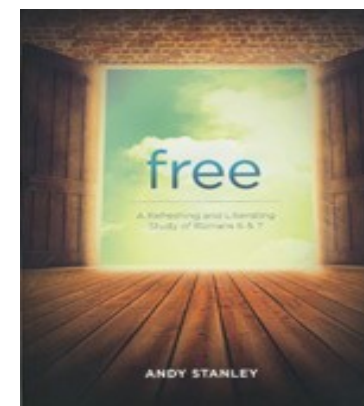
Here are two Bible verses; everybody can relate to: 'I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do . . . For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.'

**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**



## HEBRON'S KITCHEN — BEFORE AND AFTER



GRADUATES

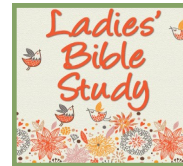


## IN *this* LIFE



Sunday, August 1st COM-MUNION will be observed during our Morning Worship Service.

Monday, August 2nd  
@ 6:00pm



Saturday, AUGUST 14TH @ 10:00am  
Ladies Bible Study at the home of Nancy Thomas.

SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 22ND  
AT 10:15am



*A Note of Appreciation from Love INC:*

*Dear Friends,*

*Words cannot begin to express our sincere appreciation for the financial gift you gave as matching funds for our 2 Days of Giving.*

*The past year has presented many challenges for everyone, Love INC included, BUT we are so excited about what God is going to do. We used our "down time" during Covid to pray and really evaluate where God is leading the Ministry. We are happy to tell you that we have renewed vision and renewed excitement to work together with local churches to show God's Love to our community.*

*Thank you for your support. You are a blessing.*

*The Staff of Love, INC*

## FOR THE RECORD July 2021

Offering	\$16,902.00
Building Fund/Principal	\$ 2,565.00
Building Fund/Principal	\$ 800.00
In Memory of Sherwin & Mary Lou Burtner	
Building Fund/Principal	\$ 100.00
In Memory of Jill Fairbanks	
REPRIEVE	\$ 160.00
FRYS	\$ 200.00
HEBRONS	\$ 185.00
WOMACKS	\$ 100.00
Restoration Ministries	\$ 200.00
Special Offering/Shifflett	\$ 220.00
Playground	\$ 300.00
Gideons	\$ 142.00
Use of Family Life Center (Augusta County Elections)	\$ 100.00
Refund from Quarles for overpayment	\$ 2,553.37



# CHURCH BOARD *minutes*

JUNE 7, 2021

**PRESENT:** Sharon Moore, Mitch Moore, Cyn-di Smiley, Denise Gaddy, Jim Culbertson, Lane Thomas, Miriam Weaver, Jimmy Madison, Dawn Hollingsworth, Frankie Hollingsworth, Pete Baska, Tim Holcomb, Jim Chappell, Tracey Chappell, David Thompson, Krissy Thompson, Ken Slack, Tawnya Riley  
**ABSENT:** Danny Grant, Sheree Flippin, Tommy Harmon, Duane Burtner, Tyler Meadows, Sam Beard, David Chappell

Meeting called to order @ 6:11 pm  
Tawnya Riley opened meeting with prayer  
Church Board meeting minutes from 4/5/21 approved as submitted

Teresa Beard, interim Church Secretary out of office June 7-11, 2021. Office will be staffed by volunteers from 8 am to 12 pm daily during her absence.

## OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Calendars:

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

Monthly Financial Reporting (by Sharon Moore):

-Sharon will be sending out in an email for Board's review  
-It will be to the Board's advantage to understand the new format

Mortgage Update:

-Refinancing of building has been finalized & signed off at bank.  
-Although the monthly payments have been lowered, Finance Ministry Team recommends we continue making the same, current monthly payments, with the difference being applied to principal. Lane encouraged the Board to continue this practice next year.

2022 Budget Cycle Reminder:

-Plan is in the works to schedule a budget workshop to assist Ministry Teams in 2022 budget planning.  
-Teams reminded to turn in budgets any time during the month of August. If NO changes, teams are not required to submit anything.  
-Teams encouraged to still meet & pray about the budget even if they believe there may be no changes.

Brethren Woods Update (by Ken Slack):  
No new updates to report

## MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Finance Ministry Team:

-Team continues to receive offerings, counting and recording information on the summary sheet for the Church Secretary followed by bank deposits.  
-Working to train team members as they move into new positions within the team. Everyone should learn the responsibilities of the team as well as know how to facilitate the business of the church.

Spiritual Formation Team:

-Preparation for Nursery to start back up on Sunday mornings  
-In talks for fall start-up of Wednesday Night Kids ministry & Youth ministry. Still unsure of what that will look like. Volunteers will be needed.  
Youth:  
-Pray for leadership in that area  
-Discussion on active restart of Youth Minister search  
-Sun, 6/27/21 immediately after services, a meeting will be held open to anyone interested in working with the Youth, interested in the future of our Youth. Tracey Chappell will make this announcement to the congregation on Sun, 6/13/21.  
-Tracey Chappell reported the gift bags for the Stuarts Draft High School graduates were well received. School sent their thanks to WHCOB for the donation.

Stewards Ministry Team (by Jimmy Madison/Mitch Moore):

-Work accomplished: new AC unit in sanctuary installation week of 6/7/21; lights in Family Life Center replaced; grill for outdoor use purchased.

## MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT *cont*

While all of this was happening, we were getting to know some of the people from Faith Baptist Mission in Winter Haven, Florida, as EMM—the board we were on loan to—had already merged with them. As we talked on the phone, they offered to send their Vice President of Missionary Care up here to review our construction issues. What a glorious and shocking blessing. After all that time spent trying to find a Christian group to come help us, this group heard of our problem and **offered** to come and help! When God works like that, you sit up and take notice. We were not even missionaries with their organization, but out of their love for missions and missionaries, they were offering to help us—and we hadn't even asked. Impressed by their love and compassion, and for other reasons mentioned in previous updates, we switched mission boards and became missionaries under Faith Baptist Mission.

The team of eight began arriving on May the 13th. This group and/or the mission paid their own way here, paid for their lodging and much of their food and often much of ours, as well as provided some of the materials needed, such as new doors, sink, faucet, etc. Family, friends and members of our home church also helped with construction, running errands, provision of a trash trailer, meals and loan of tables, chairs, coffee pot—whatever was needed. Some discounts were given to us on materials and some unexpected monetary gifts were given as well.

God orchestrated all of this, through those who love and serve Him, and we cannot express our gratitude to our loving Father enough for His love and care of us. It humbles us greatly!

When the kitchen floor was removed, we were surprised to find that there were five layers of flooring each with its own subfloor. The flooring had to be removed in small sections due to the unbelievable weight—which, of course, was what caused the joists to fail. Also, when the team went to remove the ceiling to do some electrical work, it disintegrated. It was a miracle that it hadn't fallen in earlier. What a blessing it is to now walk on a stable floor, and look up at a flat (not wavy) beautifully painted ceiling.

The job is not quite finished, as some of the kitchen cabinets have not yet arrived due to shipping delays. As we wait for the completion, we continue our work with the seminary. Once again, as we have many times since leaving Mexico (the location), we thank the Lord for allowing us to remain missionaries serving such a vital ministry. Training up future servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, and giving them a solid biblical foundation, is a ministry of great joy and blessing. We have seen some of our graduates go out as missionaries themselves (some to hostile countries), others serving in some of the poorest areas of Mexico where many will not go, some are teaching precious children the truths of God or teaching their parents how to teach them, some have sports ministries and some are pastors and teachers themselves. God calls us all to our own special place; it is up to us to follow the admonition of Romans 12:1 & 2, and serve God where He asks us to serve. As we praise and thank God for His great love and mercy in our lives, we pray that you will meditate on Rom. 12:1 & 2, and ask God where He would have you to serve.

As always, we appreciate White Hill Church of the Brethren and the individuals who partner with us so faithfully with your prayers and finances. May God bless you for your faithfulness and love for missions.

Yours for Mexico and Beyond, *Dean & Sylvia Hebron*



# MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

## *Dean & Sylvia Hebron*



We would like to offer this update as a praise to God for His abundant grace and mercy in our lives.

First, we praise and thank God for His marvelous salvation without which, in today's world, we would be stumbling around in confusion and despair. Second, we are ever so grateful that God put Ric and Jane Taylor into our lives in 1975, and that they introduced us to Romans 12:1 & 2. At that time, we presented our bodies to the

Lord for His service. It was as if God put high octane fuel in our tanks! In the following years, Dean graduated from seminary, served as a youth pastor, a pastor and eventually we made our way as missionary teachers to the seminary in Pachuca, Mexico. When health issues forced us to return to the States, we bought this old house which was build in 1929. It seemed quite solid and was move-in ready. The year was 2013.

It was about three years ago when we realized that there was a major problem developing with the floor in the kitchen. It was sinking! Interior foundation work needed to be done but how would we afford it? We decided to refinance the house. We were dumbfounded when the house failed the appraisal; we didn't even know it was possible to fail an appraisal! Hours turned into days which turned into months as we looked for a Christian organization that would help with the project so that the house could be saved. But COVID was starting up, and everything seemed to have been put on hold. We added our names to waiting lists, and left many messages, but nothing happened. During this time of frustration, as we cried out to God for answers, we also began to make repairs and updates to the house so that we might be able to pass a second appraisal.

As time passed, we began to notice changes in other rooms of the house: in the music room, books were trying to fall out of the bookcase which was leaning terribly and in the living room, the floor was pulling away from the baseboard.

Only the addition to the house seemed to be solid. In the meantime, we were replacing broken asbestos shingles, painting the storage shed, still trying to find and fix the roof leak that had plagued us since we moved in, having the outer foundation wall repaired, etc. And while all of the repairs were being done, we were starting the process for the refinance. Dean was teaching full time during all of this, so it was a very busy time for both of us. At one point our son Joshua came with some of his workers and accomplished a great deal. Just when it seemed that our energy was giving out completely, God sent us another huge encouragement when a volunteer group of National Guard Recruiters who work with our son, Michael, showed up unexpectedly one day to help. What they accomplished in one day would have taken us months. Praise God, when the time came for the appraisal, the house was ready! The house passed the appraisal with flying colors and the refinance went through just fine.

# Church Board

## *minutes continued*

Fellowship Ministry Team (by Denise Gaddy):

- Father's Day gifts have been purchased & received for distribution on Sun, 6/20/21
- Discussed outdoor services & dinners for the summer months into September

Evangelism Ministry Team (by Pete Baska):

- Love INC will be presenting during Sunday service
- Working with REPREEVE- how can we help? Cleaning Supply collection
- Comfort Care Bottle Campaign – total for 2021: \$95,000 WHCOB collected \$1300 for this year. Close to the same amount we collected in 2020.

A dedicated time of prayer has been set to pray over cards that will be distributed by the Staunton & Lexington Comfort Care organization. This prayer time is set for Fri, 6/11/21 from 3p to 5p.

-Began work on Team's 2022 budget

\*REPREEVE Update (by Frankie & Dawn Hollingsworth):

\*Continued search for a location specifically for REPREEVE use, possibly named "Carla's House"

\*Frankie has been asked to work with the Waynesboro tent revival ministry & will be traveling to NC with that group. The Board prayed over Frankie and this ministry for safe travels as he goes and also for the fruit it will produce as the Lord sends Frankie to labor in the harvest field.

-Evangelism & Mission Teams will work together to budget funds for REPREEVE in 2022

Worship Ministry Team (by Dawn Hollingsworth):

- Communion services will return to normal practice – pre-packaged juice & wafer will be discontinued
- Father's Day service will be outside

## NEW BUSINESS

ACE Co-op Leadership change:

Laura Shiley, who is WHCOB contact, is stepping down from the ACE board. New representative will be Sherri Allen. Contact information sent to Pastor Dave, Teresa Beard, and Carolyn Grant.

Playground equipment / Love INC donation:

- Equipment was delivered around end of May 2021
- An assembly team will be needed.
- Stewards will take the lead on the assembly along with Tyler Meadows' direction
- Donation to Love INC, in lieu of paying for the playground equipment:
- Approximately \$14,000 in playground Account
- Ground cover still needs to be purchased
- Motion made & seconded for a donation of \$5,000
- Motion carried

Cemetery donation discussion:

-Mitch Moore reported the cemetery committee approved gifting the plot for Shanda's burial. Denise is going to determine if there are residual funeral expenses and report back to the Board before Sunday's services. The Board agreed that a love offering to support the Shifflett family is indicated.

Pastor's message in closing:

Pastor Jim reminded us to allow God to bring us back together in His way as we open back up from COVID restrictions. Doesn't mean everything has to go back to exactly the way it was before. God is rebuilding His Church and the Spirit is greater now than even before.

Closed with prayer

Reminder, Congregation business meeting immediately after service on Sun, 6/13/21 to vote on Church Secretary position.

Next Board meeting, Monday, August 2 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Tawnya Riley,  
Assistant Church Clerk

# MINISTRY *highlight*

Reprieve Inc.  
SUMMER 2021 Update  
JULY/AUGUST 2021

***Reprieve Incorporated is a nonprofit group with a mission to feed and love the local homeless and/or struggling citizens. We are a 501c3 corporation, EIN 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 spiritual guidance, unconditional love, food and necessities to homeless citizens and needy residents of Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro. We seek to build RELATIONSHIPS, which change hearts and lives.***

Wow!! We are so excited to be able to see and witness the fruits of this ministry in the lives of many of our Reprieve friends! We cannot describe on paper the Love and encouragement we have witnessed and received through this obedience and work. To GOD be ALL THE GLORY. As we walk out of faith in our daily lives, we really must ask ourselves, "Am I being an answer to someone else's prayer?" We truly hope and pray that we are!

As you may know, at the end of 2019, we started with a vision to feed the 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.

## **Current Outreach:**

Some great news is many of the homeless we met in November of 2019 are setting up housing. Their needs have expanded from simple meals, and personal care items, to anything and everything needed for housekeeping. We have collected and delivered furniture, food, and housing supplies for many of these formerly homeless individuals. Thank you for your donations!

We still continue to deliver groceries and personal care items to the homeless.

We have been blessed to be able to participate in several tent revivals in Waynesboro, Augusta County, North Carolina, Rockingham County, and Page County. We were so excited to be able to witness many baptisms, one of which is a dear friend of Reprieve!

Frankie has been able to mentor several incarcerated individuals through the mail and over the phone. Reprieve was also able to provide assistance for numerous individuals coming out of incarceration, needing food, clothing and housing.

Additionally, as of writing this update, we were asked about the possibility of preparing meals for a local shelter. We are now setting up a schedule to deliver meals August 2nd through the 8th to WARM guests who are being temporarily housed. This will be an ongoing opportunity, so please contact us if you'd be interested in preparing and/or delivering about 30 to 60 meals in future months as well. We are excited about the opportunity to co-labor with WARM and Valley Homeless Connection.

## ***Backtracking for those who missed the last update:***

In late January 2021, one of our homeless friends, Carla, became sick and was diagnosed with a rare form of Bile Duct cancer. Frankie and Dawn were able to work closely with the medical team at UVA. This allowed us to advocate for her health care. During a final meeting with the medical team, we learned that Carla had very little time left here on Earth. Not only was Carla dealing with end of life, and the severe illness that came with her cancer, but she was also still dealing with homelessness. Ultimately, the Lord gave her a safe place to rest. We brought Carla home with us in March 2021. We were able to set up our dining room as a hospice room where we could directly minister to Carla and every person that came through our door. Carla's adult son was able to get a furlough from a local jail, where he was able to say goodbye to his mother. A juvenile son living outside of the area was able to visit by zoom and say goodbye. Carla was also able to meet a granddaughter for the first time.

Carla found much peace during this transition period. Furthermore, many of the local homeless, as well as estranged family members of Carla were able to come to our home for spiritual guidance. Ex-friends, people who had wronged Carla, were able to release baggage. Little did we know at the time, by bringing Carla into our home, many souls would come to know Jesus! Forgiveness happened. Love happened. Healing happened. WORSHIP happened! We sang over Carla. We praised the Lord. Many tears were shed. Carla was baptized on her deathbed. Carla passed with much love and forgiveness in her heart. She had a very peaceful passing. Carla KNEW she was no longer homeless and she KNEW she was LOVED, unconditionally.

We cannot even count the fruits that have come from this labor of Love. We were blessed to be able to share the love of Jesus with Carla, her family, our homeless friends, and even hospice nurses!

## **VISION:**

We have a vision for the near future that we will gain more volunteers, and open CARLA'S HOUSE, a building where we can hold "day activities" for local homeless such as job searches, counseling, and mentoring—A building where the needy can find a Reprieve from the harshness of the world, and most importantly the UNCONDITIONAL love of Jesus!

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. c/o Frankie Hollingsworth @ 230 Isle Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980, or sent through venmo or paypal to Reprieve2545@gmail.com. Frankie Hollingsworth can be contacted at 540-470-0011, or through email at [Reprieve2545@gmail.com](mailto:Reprieve2545@gmail.com).

***Thank you,  
Frankie and Dawn Hollingsworth  
Reprieve Inc.***

