

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**BIBLE DRILL**



On April 10th, two of our church members competed in the Association Bible Drill. Layla Lovell and Juan Torres both participated and did exceptionally well. They both advanced to the next round of Bible Drills held at First Baptist, Milan at the end of April.

Everyone is so proud of Layla and Juan. I know that they will enjoy their competition at the regional Bible Drill. I also know that they will represent White Hall well because of all the hard work they have done. And most of all, I know that their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is pleased with both of them.

Thank you Mrs. Darlene Gipe and Mrs. Dianne Yarborough for all the hard work you did to help our young people succeed in Bible Drills and in life.

**YOUTH**

The youth have been extremely busy as of late. They worked double duty for our Easter service a few weeks ago. They sang with the adult choir and then they executed a perfect drama at the close of the service to draw our attention to the work that Christ did for you and me on the cross and then the spiritual warfare that takes place for your soul. It was a powerful demonstration of God's great love for you and me.



The youth are having a part in the service to celebrate the 75th anniversary as well. Then, during the lunch, donations will be collected to help the youth go on their mission trip to Ohio this summer. If you would like to sponsor a teenager so that they can go serve the Lord and share the love of Christ to those in Ohio, please contact Sarah Campbell. Please be in prayer for our teenagers and our children as they will be busy this summer with activities and drawing them to the Lord.

**Welcome Center Volunteers**

**Weekly Schedule of church services**

Welcome Center Volunteers		Weekly Schedule	
<b>May 7th:</b>	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson	<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship 6:00pm Evening Worship 7:00pm Choir Practice
<b>May 14th:</b>	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarborough	<b>Wednesday:</b>	7:00pm Bible Study, Youth and Children
<b>May 21st:</b>	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams		
<b>May 28th:</b>	Joe Ethridge Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley		

**Church Staff**

Pastor.....Dr. Chris Alexander	Chairman of Deacons.....Charles Tyner
Minister of Music..... Jim Criswell	Minister of Youth..... Sarah Campbell
Pianist.....Ruth Ann Davis	Secretary.....Demetra Hickerson

**CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR 75 YEARS**



As I write this article, the month is not quite over and we have not celebrated the 75th Anniversary as of yet. I do know that the Long Range Planning Committee has worked tirelessly to have a grand celebration and I am looking forward to celebrating on April 30.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the celebration may have already occurred. I hope you were in attendance as were able to rejoice with us. If you were not able to attend, it is not too late. The Celebration Service may be over, but the celebration continues. I want to invite you to come this Sunday and see what God is doing at White Hall Baptist Church.



### A BIG THANKS TO THE ADULT, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

Thanks for a job well done on Easter Sunday as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. You always do a great job, and I am thankful to be part of it. Courtney, thanks also for your special touch on the program. Hats off to our Sound Technicians for we surely could not do it without you.

Mother's Day is quickly approaching so I decided to get my Mother's Bible out and just see what she had saved - birth announcements, wedding, and obituaries. Among the other things I found jumped out at me - an article that I had written for the FBC, Trenton newsletter 27 years ago entitled "Life Changing Power". As I read the article I was taken back by what I felt and how my life had been blessed over the last 27 years. That Jesus power my Mom taught me about years ago is so much stronger and vibrant than ever before. The little song we sang as a child, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." Thanks, Mom, for saving that article.

People are hungry for a fresh encounter with God. It is not Bro. Chris's job to manufacture God's presence but to provide an atmosphere where people can focus on Who God is and have a fresh encounter with the One who provides that life changing power. With an attitude of love we can grow and experience the life changing power of God. I can't think of a better church to be on staff than right here at White Hall. God bless.

Love, Bro. Jim

We are wrapping up this year's Awana and it has been great, but we will be opening a new summer study and taking mini mission trips with the kids on Sunday evenings so don't stop coming. We have a lot in store for the summer. We will have a church wide Awana celebration and award ceremony on Sunday May 21 at 5:00 and we will have Italian night so join us for supper and awards. VBS is coming soon!!!! Galactic Starveyors will kick off on Sunday night at 5pm, June 11, with registration, games, food, and fun. There will be a class for every age group. Regular classes will be Monday June 12-Thursday June 15 from 6-8:30pm. Friday night will be our family night 6:00-7:30pm. Join us in discovering God's wonders.



Graduation is one of the most important events in a young person's life and we are inviting you to join us on Sunday May 7 to celebrate our graduating Seniors here at White Hall Baptist church. We are so very proud of these students. We will have a Senior presentation during the worship service at 10:30pm and a Graduates picnic immediately after morning service. We invite all our graduates and families and all church members to stay and help us congratulate these young people on reaching this milestone. I would like to ask you to help me pray for these graduates as they strike out into a new adventure that God has lined up for them. Our Graduates this year are: Nathan Autry, Emily Barber, Cannon Bauer, Tony Carrasco, Zac Haney, Haleigh Lester, Emma McClellan, Shannon Petty, Katie Taylor, and Kalie Summers. We are getting ready for our mission trip in June to Ohio and we will be having a "Wall Of Money" that you can help sponsor this trip with, as God leads these young people to be His hands and feet. We will have a bulletin board of envelopes with different denomination of money and you take whatever envelope you would like to donate and put the money in and give to Rick Tucker or myself. We will greatly appreciate any and all sponsors as we take this step to further God's kingdom and build the faith these kids need to face the world. I thank White Hall and all the generosity you have already showed us throughout the year. God bless you.

### Here is a list of future events:

May 4th @10am— National Day of Prayer—in Milan

May 7th—2017 Senior Graduation Celebration

May 14th—Mother's Day

May 19th @ 7:30pm— Decision Tennessee—Graham Association—Jackson Fairgrounds Park

*Van leaving church at 6:00pm*

May 20th @5pm- Widows and Widowers Annual Banquet

May 21st @5pm—Awana Celebration and Award Ceremony—Italian Night

May 29th—Memorial Day — Church Offices will be closed

June 12th thru 15th — VBS @6pm

If you need to use the church, fellowship hall, van or bus outside of regular church times, please complete a **CALENDAR REQUEST FORM**. These are found in the church office in a hanging file folder just inside the door to your left. After you complete the form, return to the same file folder. A copy of the form is with this newsletter. Please use it!

### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS BANQUET

Our second annual Widows and Widowers banquet will be held on May 20. We will have a great night of food and fellowship. The Widows and Widowers Banquet will have everyone laughing and having a great time. But, above the fun we will have, we want all of our widows and widowers to know how much you are loved and appreciated by everyone at White Hall. We hope you can come on May the 20.

### 2T22 CLASS Wednesday Nights at 6:00



Randy Pool is currently teaching an 8 week class on "making disciples" from 6:00-6:30pm on Wednesday nights. The class will include simple handouts to equip each follower of Jesus Christ with the tools to disciple others as the Lord provides opportunity. Areas of training will include "how to pray", "how to study the Word", "how to share your faith" and "how to develop genuine fellowship". Class is based on 2 Timothy 2:2 (this is where the name 2T22 came from). Come for personal growth and tools to disciple others.

You are invited to be a part of our church growth and outreach. Every Tuesday night at 6:30 PM we will be going out into the community to share Christ and invite people to our church. If you are available on Tuesdays, even if only one Tuesday, we would love for you to come. Some people will go make visits, two or three people per team. Others will be able to stay and write cards. We hope you can come be apart of this valuable ministry of the church.

