

FROM THE PASTOR
GALACTIC STARVEYORS

It is hard to believe that we have already conducted our Vacation Bible School for the year. We had another incredible year at VBS. Each night we would have around 50 learners and many of them were not White Hall members. That means we did a terrific job of outreach with a concerted effort to bring in kids who may not hear the gospel week-in and week-out.

We tried something different this year. In years past, and at every church I've ever been a part of, we always pull the kids out of their classes to hear a gospel presentation in the worship center on either Wednesday or Thursday nights. It is always a great way of sharing the gospel, but I have always been troubled by the fact that the teachers do not have an opportunity to share their lesson plans of the good news of salvation in a small group environment (the most effective way to tell someone about Jesus). This year we decided to have the "main" gospel presentation on Friday night which was also "Family Night."

My thoughts were, the parents will be here. They will hear exactly what we are teaching the children, as opposed to us trying to share with them a few weeks later in their home. Not only would they hear what we are presenting to their child in regards to salvation, they would also hear for themselves. Remember, almost half of our students are not members of White Hall. If they do not go to church anywhere, there is a possibility that both child and parent are lost. So I thought that this would be a great way to share the gospel with more people who need to hear it.

We even offered the invitation different this year. I did not plan on the invitation to be different, so it had to be by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. After I led the children through the gospel presentation and giving them an opportunity to invite Christ into their lives I had them stand up, and just before I said to them to come forward so that I can talk with them more, I felt the Holy Spirit tell me to send the children to their parents. So that is exactly what I did. And about 15 children, maybe more left their seats and went to their parents.

I then addressed the parents. I told them that they know their kids better than anyone else. They know their hearts. They will know if their kids are ready to make such an important decision or not, so I then placed the burden on the parents. We do this already when we go and meet with the parents in their homes, but this year we were able to do it right then, during the invitation. I asked the parents to come forward with their children if they felt they were ready. We had six children, and their family member come forward.

We will have a lot of follow up to do, not only with these six, but with everyone who came to VBS. So please be in prayer as we continue to share the love of Jesus Christ with all those who participated in our Vacation Bible School.

ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the third anniversary since God called me to be the pastor of White Hall. What a tremendous three years that it has been. In these three years we have added 64 people to the White Hall Family, 44 by baptism. That is absolutely outstanding. We are living in a culture where church attendance and baptisms are at record lows. The Southern Baptist Convention is experiencing the lowest baptisms since 1946; the lowest church membership since 1990; and the lowest worship attendance since 1996. I am blessed to know that God sees fit to use us at White Hall to work hard to fight those trends. We are not where we want to be and we have a long way to get there, but praise God, we are doing better than so many others. But let's not celebrate that for too long. We have a ton of work to do to reach every person with the message of Christ. My He find us faithful, and busy.

Serving Him,



Welcome Center Volunteers

Weekly Schedule of church services

Welcome Center Volunteers		Weekly Schedule	
July 2nd:	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson	Sunday:	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship
July 9th:	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough		6:00pm Evening Worship 7:00pm Choir Practice
July 16th:	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams	Wednesday:	7:00pm Bible Study, Youth and Children
July 23rd:	Joe Ethridge Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley		
July 30th:	Carolyn Cranfield		
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



"Freedom"

July 4th is Independence Day, and all across America people will celebrate the wonderful freedom we all enjoy. We are truly blessed! We who know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior have another kind of freedom to celebrate. We are free from the bondage of sin and death. I Corinthians 15:3-4 says, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

As we celebrate our freedom as a country, let's also celebrate our freedom as Christians from the slavery of sin.

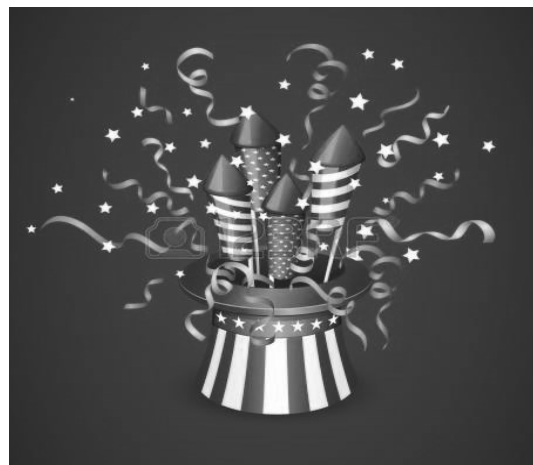
The second and third verses of "Faith of our Fathers" contain evidence of the principles of liberty. Verse two states that we will strive to "win all nations unto Thee". We can see how the Lord would have us to spread His Word. Verse three goes on to include the Lord's commandment that we are to love both friend and foe in all of our strife and that we are to spread freedom by "kindly words and virtuous life":

V2 - "Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto Thee,
And thru the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free."

V3 - "Faith of our fathers, we will love,
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life."
(1848 by Frederick William Faber)

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Bro. Jim



God has blessed us at White Hall during the month of June with an outstanding Vacation Bible school. We averaged about 90 a night and the kids had a great time learning about searching the visible to discover the invisible. They learned to look around and see the visible signs of God, including themselves, God's greatest creation. We are having Sunday night summer classes, discovering courage through the study of Daniel and his friends while our Awana Bible club is on summer hiatus. We will have our annual family day at Venture River in Eddyville, Ky on July 29, leaving the church at 9am. We will have sign-up sheet for attendance and what you want to bring for the picnic lunch.



Well we have traveled to Ohio and Indiana and Kentucky and back to Tennessee all the while singing God's praises for the mission week we had. Our young people did an outstanding job and God used them to reach out to children and adults alike. He has blessed us with loving and spirit filled students. I want to thank you WHBC church family for your prayers and generosity in making this mission trip possible thru Christ.

Ms. Sarah



List of future events:

Every Tuesday night @ 6:30 pm — Church Wide Visitation

Every Wednesday night @ 6pm—2T22

Every Wednesday night @6pm—Special Prayer Meeting Men in Prayer Room and Women in Martha's Room

July 2nd—4th of July Service

Tuesday July 4th—Church Office Will Be Closed

Thursday 20th @ 10am—WMU Summer Meeting @ China Grove

Sunday July 23rd- Special Business meeting to vote on change of Constitution and By-Laws

Saturday July 29th @ 9am—Children's trip to Venture River in Eddyville, KY

Enclosed you will find a SURVEY OF INTEREST FOR POSSIBLE SERVICE FOR WHITE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH for our next church year. Please complete the form, even if you plan to stay in the position you

Please use the CALENDAR DATE REQUEST FORM to schedule a fellowship hall, the van, or the bus for any future uses. This will help schedule your event and make sure it is marked on the calendar. We are trying to prevent dou-

**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.



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