

FROM THE PASTOR

VAN MINISTRY



The week prior to me writing this article, I received two phone calls about needing transportation from individuals desiring to come worship with us at White Hall. One was a lady in Trenton. The other was a family of eight who live less than a mile from the church. The church vans are incredible tools to help us reach people for Christ and allow us to minister to those in need.

Beginning this month we would like to emphasize your opportunity to help others come to worship with us. A few months ago the church formed a committee to get rid of our oldest 15 passenger van and replace it with a newer van. The old van has become more troublesome as it has aged and continued to put on miles. This committee has already begun researching vans for sale and is looking at both new and used vans and will pursue the best option considering whatever we can afford.

This is where you can help. I would like to ask our church to begin praying for our van ministry. It is an incredibly valuable resource for the church, but it is also incredibly difficult to oversee. So pray for the coordinator and all the drivers and riders.

Also, as you are praying, ask God if He would use you to be a part of the van ministry. One of the challenges of the van ministry is “burn-out.” We do not want to over tax any of our divers, riders, or the coordinator to the point of burn out. If we only had enough volunteers who would rotate, then this would not occur. Ask God if He would like to use you once a month to help with this valuable ministry.

A third thing that I would like for you to pray about is to ask God how much you should support financially the purchase of a van. Since the old van is worn down and needs to be replaced, we need your donations to help us with this purchase. The new committee that the church formed to purchase this new van asked that we make August the month that we begin emphasizing a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds to purchase the van. As you pray, let the Lord impress upon your heart how much you should give to help this ministry reach more people for Christ.

We want all those who call the church office needing transportation to be able to come worship with us to be able to receive the help, especially the children who want to come. I hope that God will speak to your heart to give financially. I also hope that God will speak to your heart and show you how you can participate and be a driver or a rider of the van ministry as well.

Serving Him,

Brother Chris

Welcome Center Volunteers

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship 6:00pm Evening Worship	Wednesday:	7:00pm Adult Bible Study Youth Worship RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends
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Welcome Center Volunteers

August 6th:	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson	JULY (Through July 23)	Average Sunday School Attendance for July	123
August 13th:	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough		Average Worship Attendance for July	Not kept
August 20th:	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams	BUDGET RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR (through 47 of 52 weeks of our budget year)	Proposed Monthly Budget Needs	\$23,196.53
August 27th:	Joe Ethridge Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley		Budget Received for July	\$20,858.94
			Proposed Budget	\$274,542.56
			Received	\$278,750.89
		Over/Under for the year	+\$4,208.33	
		Expenses	\$268,478.95	

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



WHOSE WORLD IS THIS ANY WAY?

Around the 1800's Pastor Maltbie D. Babcock from Lockport, New York, loved to take walks to see his Father's world. There was one place called Escarpment, a ledge, near Lockport. He described it as a marvelous view of farms, orchards and Lake Ontario. It is believed that those walks inspired the lyrics to the hymn, "This Is My Father's World".

Let's never forget that this is our Father's World, not ours! It is He Who deserves all our worship and praise. The second verse goes like this:

"This is my Father's world,
The birds carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's World.
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere."

In the fast pace of life, we need to slow down and wait for the Lord to speak. Listen to the song of the birds. Try it! You will be blessed.

Love,

Bro. Jim

It has been an amazing summer. We had a great crowd that went to family night at Jackson Ball Park and an equally great time at Family day at Venture River. We have had a break from the Awana curriculum, but we will be kicking our Awana program off on Sunday August 6th with "Bring Your Smile" to Awana day. We are changing a few things but look forward to a great season of learning God's words and hiding them in our hearts. Our children will be getting ready for the new church year and future events include a trip to Discovery Park and our annual fall retreat. We will be relaying more details about these trips in the next couple of months. We are seeking God's leadership and will in all the plans being made here at White Hall for our children and youth ministries.



The Youth here at White hall want to thank all our members for their support and love. We have had a full summer. The trip to Ohio for missions changed our hearts. We are so glad that we have a mission minded church family. We have several things in the works for the next few months as we seek to find where, what, and how God wants us to join Him in the work He is already doing. We will be going to Galloway to help with their back to school book bag drive August 5th. If you would like to join us you would be more that welcome. The youth are planning their fall retreat and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we work on a theme for this year's retreat. Also keep our youth and church in your prayers as we get ready for the new church year and the direction that God is leading us in and the plans that are His.



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

August 3rd @ 5pm—Seasoned Senior event at Union University — CANCELLED — SOLD OUT!!!!

August 5th—Youth trip to Galloway to help with back-paks

August 6th @ 5pm—Awana kick-off

August 19th—Children's trip to Discovery Park

August 26th @ 10am—Ladies Luncheon in fellowship hall—come & bring a friend

Sept 7th - GBA Annual Deacon's Meeting @ White Hall - Registration deadline is Sept 5th = 855-1202

Sept 17th thru Sept 20th—Fall Revival

Sept 18th—Senior Adult Fall Event @ Trenton FBC

Sept 24th—See You At The Pole Rally

October 10th—'Night of Hope' @ the National Guard Armory

October 23rd—Annual Gibson Baptist Association meeting @ FBC Milan

Fall Revival

September 17th thru September 20th

Monday thru Wednesday services begin at 7:30pm

Evangelist— Josh Stone

Mount Pleasant — Skullbone

Ladies Luncheon—August 26th at 10am to 1pm

Speaker will be Tiffany Bowman and Charlotte Bowen

Open church wide, bring a friend.

No cost for lunch — served at 11:30

Sign up sheet is on bulletin board.