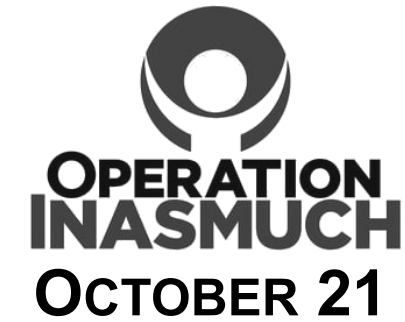


FROM THE PASTOR



Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” He said this right after he described the “least of these” as those who are hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison. People all around us are hurting and Jesus has told us to go and love those who are unloved by the world.

On October 21, we are going to be able to minister to some of “the least of these” with an Operation Inasmuch Day. From 9:00 to noon, five teams will be out in the community representing Christ by showing His love to those who may not see love very often. The five ministry projects are:

TEAM ONE:

Visit with nursing home residents

TEAM TWO:

Light house keeping for the elderly and shut-ins

TEAM THREE:

Smoke detector maintenance for those who are unable to do so (replace batteries in smoke detectors, and install new smoke detectors where needed)

TEAM FOUR

Full-service at the local gas stations (wash windshields, check air and fluids, and invite the individuals to church)

TEAM FIVE:

Laundromat Project (take quarters to the Trenton laundromat, help the individuals wash, dry, and fold their clothing, talk to them and pray with them)

You can begin being involved now, before the One Day event takes place, which is October 21. Begin praying about which team God would have you serve on so that you can minister to these less fortunate people, work for the kingdom of God, and glorify our precious Lord Jesus Christ. Also, several of the teams are asking for supplies that you can begin bringing to the church. Drop off locations are set up in the church building and a list of supplies is on page 3 of this newsletter.

The team leaders and I have been extremely excited about this event for months now as we organized the ministry projects. Now, I hope that you sign up and allow God to use you to minister to the “least of these” as Jesus told us to do so that we can share the love of Christ to a world that so desperately needs Him.

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

October 1st:	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson
October 8th:	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough Doris Graves
October 15:	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams
October 22nd:	Joe & Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley
October 29th:	Carolyn Cranfield

September

Average Sunday School Attendance for September	???
Proposed Monthly Budget Needs	\$21,412.20
Budget Received for September	\$??,???.??

BUDGET RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR
 (through 4 of 52 weeks of our budget year)

Proposed Budget	\$279,980.36
Received	\$??,???.??
Expenses	\$??,???.??

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



OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Lord, pour out Your power and love
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy."

Ephesians 1:17-19 speaks of our eyes being opened to focus on God's power and love. "I ask that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him (or have knowledge of Him).

We as a Church were so blessed by Bro. Josh Stone's proclaiming of God's Word in the Book of Jonah. Jonah had his eyes opened by God to find God's way is the best and only way. As a new season is falling upon us, I pray that our eyes may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called us. May we be empowered to serve Him every day so that others may come to know Him also?

My prayer for each of you is the eyes of your heart be opened to witness God's Glory, Power, Wisdom and Saving Grace.

Pray for Phyllis and me as we travel to North Carolina for time with our families. Joe Hammonds will be directing the music on October 1. Our own Rick Foren will be leading the music on October 8. I appreciate these two men of God who are so willing to serve and bless others through music.

Christmas will be here in three months. When I get back, the choir will resume practice on Christmas music. I invite anyone who wants to sing with us.

Love,
Bro. Jim



Happy Fall, this year is flying past and our children at White Hall are staying very busy. Ms. Darlene is gearing up for Bible drill. We are practicing for a Christmas musical entitled "Red Letter Day" Fast approaching is our children's fall retreat. This is for grades 1st-6th and below, that must be accompanied by an adult. Our theme this year is "Prayer, Talking to God". The kids always have a great time at this event and I encourage you to join us. We will have class time, games, crafts music, FOOD, AND LOTS OF FUN learning all about talking to God. The retreat is at Liberty Retreat and Conference Center in Dresden and it is from Oct.20-Oct.22. We will leave at 5:30pm Friday and return for worship service Sunday morning. Also our Awana kids are doing AMAZING this year. It is truly a blessing to see these little folks so excited to learn God's word. Keep them and our volunteers in your prayers.



I have to brag just a little on some of our youth that came out and worked on cleanup day here at White Hall. Austin Workman, Mason Gant, Ben Crocker, Dylan Bates, and Blair Mercer did an outstanding job cleaning, carrying, painting, replacing light fixtures, and power washing. All our youth are great kids but, I wanted to give a special shout out for these that dropped everything on a Saturday and showed up to help. Our annual "See You at the Pole" event was a standout program. Jason McCleod from "Facing the Giants" was inspiring. The praise and worship was truly a worship experience. Our youth are helping in Awana this year and they are proving to be invaluable to our teachers. This also helps them to learn and grow in service to God. It amazes me at how patient they are with the little children. We are also getting ready for our Fall retreat at Liberty in November. Our theme will be True Love Project and we will tell more about that next month. The youth will be traveling to Gallaway to help with some repair work and their super Saturday event on Oct 6 and 7. Keep our kids in your prayers as they work as the hands and feet of Jesus.

List of future events:

Every Wednesday night @6pm—Special Prayer Meeting Men in Prayer Room

Every Wednesday night @6pm—Women in Martha's Room

October 6th thru 7th—Youth to Gallaway - repair work and Super Saturday Event

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

October 20th thru 22—Children's Conference @ Liberty Retreat and Conference Center

October 21st @ am—Operation Inasmuch Day

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

October 28th—Fall Festival



ONE DAY
FIVE MINISTRY PROJECTS

TEAM ONE:

The nursing home visitation will be giving care packages to the residents and we could use your help bringing items for those care packages.

- Individual tissue packages
- Sugar-free hard candy
- Notepads (Post-it style)
- Pens
- Travel size toiletries
- Men's and Women's Socks

TEAM TWO:

The light house keeping team is in need of a few supplies to help with their tasks. We could use your help by bringing items.

- General cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Floor cleaner (to mop with)
- Shower & tub cleaner
- Toilet cleaner
- Mops and buckets
- Rubber gloves
- Garbage bags

TEAM THREE:

Light house repair for those who are unable to do so (replace batteries in smoke detectors, and install new smoke detectors where needed)

- New 9 volt batteries

TEAM FOUR:

Full-service at the local gas stations (wash windshields, check air and fluids, and invite the individuals to church)

- Glass Cleaner
- Tire gauges
- Glass Squeegees

TEAM FIVE:

Laundromat Project (take quarters to the Trenton laundromat, help the individuals wash, dry, and fold their clothing, talk to them and pray with them)

- Quarters
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric Softener

Drop off boxes will be in the hallways and foyer. Thanks for your help.