

FAMILY CONCERNS

IN THE HOSPITAL:

BAPTIST MEMPHIS: Robert Criss (Former Member)

BETHESDA HEALTHCARE AND REHAB: Bill Flatt

LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER: Barb Elkins (Joint Heirs)

CHURCH FAMILY:

Gerald and Beverly Bond (Bereans); **Dot Dorsey** (Joint Heirs); **Shirley Graham** (Joint Heirs); **Herrold Hanson; Arlin Hendrix** (Missionary); **Emogene Moore** (Singles Blended); **Elnora Pounds** (Seekers); **Bobbie Scrape; Michael and Melanie Semore** (Joint Heirs); **Mary E. Smith** (Joint Heirs); **Vicki Vandiveer** (Seekers); **Coretta Vaughn** (Bereans); **Doris Watson** (Singles Blended)

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Mi'Chaela Bacon; Bobbie Bradley; Alicia Clark; James Cooper; Polly Cox; Cherissa Dennis; Purvis Flemming; Deria Hill; Danny Ginn; Bill and Elizabeth Inman; Larry Jene; Grady Mason; Dodie Miller; Christi Murphy; Grace Poindexter; Kayla Pritchard; Sam Roach; John Vandiveer; Sharon Warren; Alyssa Ruth Ann Weatherington; Sean Whitworth; Willie Williams; Kristina Yeouze; Russell Young

IN THE MILITARY:

John Berger (Army National Guard); Quadrell Brumfield (Airforce); Jeffrey Cigrang (Navy); Major Jennifer Conk (Airforce); Major Ryan Conk (Airforce); James Cooper (Army); Major Lauren Cotney (Air Nat. Guard); Col. Whitney Gardner (Army); Brooks Gatlin (National Guard); Sgt. Tommy Glasscock (National Guard); John Grady (Army National Guard-abroad); Major Aaron Hines (Air Force-abroad); Major Stefan Lockton (Army); Jesse James Lucas (Airforce); Jackson Nelms (Army National Guard); Gerri Ripple (Navy); Jacob Robinson (Army); Paul T. Robinson (Army); Shawn Royer (Army); Jacob Tomlinson (Army National Guard); Col. Clarence David Turner (Army)

ON THE MISSION FIELD:

- **Bruce, Janet, and Annie Bates** (Cumberland, RI)
- **Caleb, Fran, Abigail, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Mariam Borchers** (Providence, RI)
- **Colette Daugherty** (Meudon, France)
- **Arlin and Pamela Hendrix** (Meyzieu, France)
- **Frank and Gladys Hotorwoshie** (Accra, Ghana)
- **Ananias Moses** (Gaborone, Botswana)
- **Ralph and Twyla Williams** (Moduli, Tanzania)

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE:		CONTRIBUTION:	
Sunday, 12.8		Sunday, 12.8	
AM Worship Services.....	481	Weekly Actual.....	\$41,095
AM Classes	277	Weekly Budget.....	\$27,500
PM Worship Service	253		
Wednesday 12.4	195		

New Year, Same Need

Blood and platelet donations decrease during the winter, while the need continues. Vitalant will return to White Station on **Wednesday, January 15th** from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Vitalant asks that you schedule an appointment ahead of time to help their staff prepare, so please visit <http://bit.do/cocwsJan2020drive> to make your appointment. Contact **Ken Kyle** at 901-491-8278 if you have any questions or need more information. If you are unable to donate on January 15th, please visit your nearest donor center when you're eligible. Thank you!

In keeping with our January blood drive tradition, the Wednesday night meal team will prepare a Country Ham Breakfast for the Wednesday Night Meal that evening. Donate then join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Community Exercise Class Keeps on Serving!

You will recall that last year, our Community Exercise class collected blankets for people who are experiencing homelessness. Now, our Community Exercise Class is giving again, this time to our Food Pantry! During our annual food drive, class participants (most of whom are from our community) donated over 400 cans, bags, and boxed food staples to be shared with our neighbors who may need a little extra help during the holiday season. Our Exercise Class members are truly part of our extended family and are helping us serve everyone in our diverse community!

Room In The Inn Volunteers Needed

The new dates for the winter season have been added to our SignUp Genius page. We are very excited to host at White Station again this season. If you would like to volunteer, visit <http://bit.ly/volunteerRITI>. Please pray for this ministry.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Eliot and Alyssa (Michie) Watson** on the birth of their son, **Francesco Michael Watson** on Wednesday, December 11th. Francesco was born in South Korea and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. He is the great-grandson of **Bob and Shirly Michie**. Mom and baby are doing well. They are thankful for the prayers!

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Jim and Terrie Hambrick** and family on the passing of Jim's mother, **Anne Hambrick**, on Saturday, December 7th. The visitation and funeral were held yesterday. Please keep the Hambrick family in your prayers.



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DECEMBER 15, 2019



To our guests...

Welcome to White Station. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray you will be uplifted by the worship assembly, challenged by today's lesson, and find connection in one of our Bible classes.

If you want to learn more about White Station and how you can join us as we serve God & our city, join us at our next Discovery Worship.

For more information: donmkinder@gmail.com.

This Week at White Station

Fellowship Every Weekday from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Coffee House

MONDAY (12.16)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ◆ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Community Yoga @ 6:15 & 7:30 p.m. in the CLC Gym

TUESDAY (12.17)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Ladies' Bible Class @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
- ◆ Volleyball Free Play (Adv.) from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

WEDNESDAY (12.18)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 3 p.m. in the Chapel
- ◆ Fellowship Meal @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Vegetable Beef Soup, Corn Bread, Garden Salad, Peach Cobbler)
- ◆ Pickleball from 8 to 10 p.m. in the CLC Gym

THURSDAY (12.19)

- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Devotional @ 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House
- ◆ Community Exercise @ 10 a.m. in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Volleyball Free Play from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 18+

FRIDAY (12.20)

- ◆ Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. in the Education Building Conference Room
- ◆ Walking Track open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Pickleball from 9 a.m. to Noon in the CLC Gym
- ◆ Open Half-Court Basketball from 2 to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY (12.21)

- ◆ The CLC, Gym, and Walking Track will be **closed** for the Christmas Holiday.

DOWNLOAD THE SERVER ONLINE AT WWW.COCWS.ORG



A staffed nursery is provided for children 0 - 36 months. The nursery is located on the green hallway, Room E112 in the Education Building. We also provide an age-appropriate Children's Worship for children ages 3 through Kindergarten located on the south hall in Room 129.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

AUDITORIUM Worship Leader: Greg Muse
 Welcome/Scripture Reading [Luke 1:10-14]/Prayer Clay Fowler
 Song: 540 - O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink
 "How?" (Luke 1:5-25; 57-80) Rodney Plunket
 Response Song: 915 - Trust and Obey
 Songs: 276 - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
 269 - Thomas' Song
 Lord's Supper and Offering Larry Green
 Songs: 342 - We Saw Thee Not
 OS - It's What the Lord Has Done For Me
 Announcements Clay Fowler
 Song: 202 - Joyful, Joyful
 Prayer Paul Morris

FELLOWSHIP HALL Worship Leader: Marian Barber
 Welcome/Announcements/Scripture [Lk. 1:10-14]/Prayer Sherri Spain
 Song: Everlasting God
 You Never Let Go
 O Come to the Altar
 Lord's Supper and Offering Susan Vaughn
 Bread and Cup: Hallelujah, What A Savior
 Offering: How Great is Our God
 Song: Do Not Fear
 "How?" (Luke 1:5-25; 57-80) Rodney Plunket
 Songs: From the Inside Out
 Go, Tell it on the Mountain
 Prayer/Blessing Richie Lynn

Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

CHAPEL Worship Leader: Greg Muse
 Welcome/Scripture Reading [Mark 4:35-41]/Prayer Sonny Hubbard
 Songs: 189 - Master, the Tempest is Raging
 808 - Abide With Me
 99 - In His Presence
 "Do We Know?" (Mark 4:35-41) Rodney Plunket
 Response Song: 291 - The Great Physician
 Lord's Supper and Offering Reggie Jamerson
 Song: 406 - Just a Closer Walk With Thee
 Prayer Earl Manning

"Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

- Ephesians 4: 15-16

The church office is experiencing phone problems. We are working on a solution, but until the problem is fixed, please contact us at the following numbers:

CLC Desk: 901-435-9463 Church Office: 901-435-9482

CLC and Church Office Holiday Schedule

Saturday, December 21st to Saturday, December 28th

The CLC Gym, Walking Track, and Coffee House are closed.

Sunday, December 22nd: Christmas Devotional

We will have a Bilingual Christmas Devotional at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The Christmas service will take the place of the 5:00 p.m. service. All are invited as we worship and center our minds and hearts on the coming of Christ.

Tuesday, December 24th: The Church Office will close at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th to Friday, December 27th:

The Church Office and CLC will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Wednesday, December 25th: No Classes or Services

On Christmas Day, there will be no 3 p.m. Chapel service, Wednesday Night Meal, or children's or adult classes. Enjoy time celebrating with your loved ones!

Wednesday, January 1st: No Classes or Services

There will be no 3 p.m. Chapel service, Wednesday Night Meal, or children's or adult classes. The Church Office, CLC, and Coffee House will also be closed.

Your Year-end Giving Makes a Difference!

Whether for gratitude, the joy of the season, catching up on a commitment or excitement about exceeding your commitment, we are grateful for your year-end giving. Here are the dates to remember in planning your year-end gift. Only gifts completed by December 31st help to reduce taxes you may owe next April. December 29th will be the last Sunday to make contributions for the tax year 2019. You may also bring your gift to the church office by **Tuesday, December 31st**. If you choose to mail your check, it has to be written, mailed, and postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify as a 2019 tax deductible contribution.

Thank you for considering a year-end gift to the work at White Station!

Part-Time Fellowship Hall Worship Minister

White Station has a part-time job opening for a Fellowship Hall Worship Minister. The job description can be found on the COCWS website under "About Us." Inquiries and resumes should be emailed to **Charlie Michael** at cmichael@cocws.org.

WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY?

- @ 3:00 p.m. — **Leon Sanderson** in the Chapel
- @ 5:30 p.m. — **Fellowship Meal** in the Fellowship Hall
- @ 6:30 p.m. — **Deaf Bible Class** in G211
Iglesia de Cristo in the Library
One Another (Men's Class) in G206
Ladies Classes: *Fearless* in G201 and *God of Creation* in G216
Peak of the Week in G209/210
Sanctuary (Youth Group) in the Station
Children (age 3 - 6th grade) in the Educational Building

BY JUAN MEZA

Unity

In Iglesia, we have around 10 different nations represented. Therefore, it is not always easy to navigate all of the cultural differences. We have different family traditions, values, and priorities. There are members within Iglesia that are from very small villages in Guatemala, and we have people from very big cities like Guadalajara, Mexico, or Santiago, Chile.

We have three families in Iglesia that do not speak Spanish as their first language. They speak a native dialect from their central American country, so for their kids, Spanish would be their third language.

When we talk about food, the term "Hispanic food" is just too broad. Each country has its own food, its own way of cooking, and its own traditions around the table. Often, people from other countries are offended when others generalize and refer to them as Mexican people, or people who "eat chips and salsa." People from each country like to be acknowledged and for others to know the uniqueness of the place where they come from.

So, no, it is not easy to be part of a multicultural church. For many today, being part of a multicultural church is "cool." It is also not an easy job. Neither for its members, nor for its leaders. It takes a lot of work and constantly living out of our comfort zones. However, I think this is what God wants for His church, especially in a country like ours.

I recall Paul's words in Ephesians 2:14 about how God tears down "the wall of hostility" between Jews and Gentiles. Paul urges the church to keep the walls down. I always wonder if the church today has created an environment of hostility again, between ethnicities, nations, and people, or if the church has "torn down the dividing wall of hostility." I wonder what Paul would think about White Station if he visited us. Would he be proud or be disappointed?

Christmas Gifts for Room In The Inn

It's that time of year again. Last Christmas, our church generously gave so our Room in the Inn guests could have a special Christmas. Our goal for this year is to gift each guest a few \$5 gift cards as well as a week-long bus pass. If you would like to help, please donate \$5 gift cards to Kroger, Walgreens, CVS or cash to purchase bus passes by **Wednesday, December 18th**. You can give your gift cards or money to **Misty Boone**, **Amber Turner**, or **Sunny Watt**, or you can drop it off at the church office. As always, thank you for your faithful prayers for this special ministry.