



MISSIONS STARTS AT HOME

Kids Club Krew, a discipleship ministry for children in grades 4 and 5, served on a local missions trip in our community from July 13-17. Each day, the children spent the morning painting handrails at Johnston Chapel. In the afternoons, the children were able to build relationships with residents at a retirement home through crafts. They were bold to share the gospel and even led a lady to the Lord. In the evenings, the children led a Vacation Bible School in a local neighborhood. They were rained out the first night, but there were many opportunities throughout the week to build relationships and to share the gospel. On the final night, one of the Krew kids was able to lead another child to the Lord.



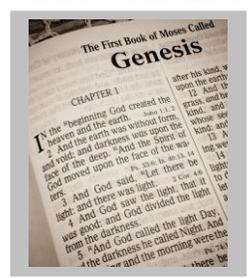
The children ministered through other service projects including packaging meals for the hungry through Heaven

Sent Ministries and serving a meal to a group who are in a local drug court program. On Friday, the leaders rewarded the children for their hard work with a trip to an amusement park. They had a blast! We are thankful to God for how He used the missions trip to challenge our children for career missions and to meet the needs of lost people in our community. Please pray for these future sent missionaries of Johnston Chapel.

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Dear Missionaries,

Greetings from the Johnston Chapel family. What a glorious day it will be when we worship around the throne with believers from every tribe, language, people and nation! This experience of joy unspeakable will be the fruit of compassion for the lost and obedience to the command of Christ. We love each one of you, and we are honored to support you. We too have been diligent in making disciples of Jesus Christ.



Pastor John King recently completed a series in the Gospel of John. On Sunday mornings, we are now focusing on Genesis chapters 1 through 11 in a series called *Beginnings*. In the G.R.O.W. class on Wednesday nights, Pastor John is teaching the Doctrine of Angels. These series are available through the media page on our website under sermons. On Sunday morning, September 27, the church family enjoyed a special service highlighting the impact of

Celebrate Recovery in our community. Please pray for this ministry as we reach out to hurting families at their point of need.

For our third Missions Sunday of 2015, we enjoyed the presence of Eric and Kristanna Richardson and their children who serve as our sent missionaries with ABWE to the country of France. They recently completed their first term of service in a country that is approximately one percent Evangelical Christian. We are so proud of their commitment to Christ as they persevered through some of the challenges faced by first term missionaries. We were encouraged to hear of the many relationships they are building through their children’s school, their neighborhood and magic (Eric is an accomplished magician). They are currently focusing their energy on mastering the French language and learning the ropes of



church planting in France through an internship with veteran missionaries. This preparation will serve them well as they seek to plant churches in the city of Paris. Please pray for them as they share the love of Jesus Christ among a people with a strongly atheistic worldview.



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Heritage Sunday: The Rich History of Johnston Chapel



On Sunday, August 16, we celebrated our rich history on Heritage Sunday, focusing on the life and ministry of our founding pastor Jimmie Jones and his wife Audrey. In the 1930's, some residents of Halls Ridge Road near Princeton, WV, felt led of the Lord to establish a

Sunday School in the community. They met in a little schoolhouse on the ridge known as Johnston School. The Sunday School expanded to include preaching services and various preachers from the area filled the pulpit.

Jimmie Jones, a lay speaker from Goodview, VA, visited and preached his first sermon on Mother's Day in 1953. On December 8, 1953, with 17 members attending, the church was organized. The church quickly grew under the leadership and strong evangelistic ministry of Preacher Jimmie. A small block stucco building replaced the old school building in 1953, but growth to 600 members over the next two decades required additional building programs.



In January of 1991, Preacher Jimmie retired after 37 years of faithful ministry. The church called John King as the Senior Pastor in June of 1990, and Jimmie and John served together for six months in a transitional ministry. The Lord took Preacher Jimmie home at the age of 84 on March 21, 2010, and he was greeted there by his children Patsy, J.T. and Arnold who had gone before him. A video tribute to Preacher Jimmie is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=473&v=sPkFyKZis9w>.

Don't Mention Age (DMA)

The DMA Fellowship is a senior adult ministry for people 55 years of age or older that provides spiritual fellowship and outreach to our community. Pastor Jim Nofsinger provides leadership for this group that meets once per month for a meal and a program. The group recently enjoyed a program called *Israel's Treasure*, a presentation by Ben Faulkner on his trip to Israel and the Holy Land. The DMA Fellowship also schedules regular outings such as their recent trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre to experience the stage version of *7 Brides for 7 Brothers*. The group is currently sponsoring a food drive to help needs of the poor in our community through the ministry of Bluefield Union Mission.



PRAISES

- We have baptized 14 individuals in 2015.
- We have added 23 new members in 2015.
- Children ages 8 to 12 years old enjoyed a week of fellowship and spiritual growth at Alpine Camp, a ministry of Appalachian Bible College, from July 27-31.
- 5K Races for the Richardson family and Operation Christmas Child were a success.
- Church members continue to enjoy training through the e4-12 program of Piedmont International University. The current course is *Leadership and Vision Casting*.
- The Biblical Essentials Bible Fellowship continues to draw new people for study on the basic doctrines of the Bible.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- On October 2-4, 39 people have the opportunity to learn about planting a church among unreached peoples through a weekend missions experience at Wayumi, a ministry of New Tribes Mission.
- There is much work to be done in implementing the new missions strategy.
- MOPS, AWANA, DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids, GriefShare, Celebrate Recovery and Phillipian Ministry are currently reaching out to our community.
- AWANA at Home, a discipleship program for parents, started on September 23rd.
- The church will sponsor an adult missions trip to Togo, West Africa to serve with Adam and Faith Drake during the summer of 2016.
- The Bible in the Schools program in Mercer County continues to communicate truth in the public education system. Please pray for their funding.

Thank you for remembering Johnston Chapel in your prayers!



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