

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

### "I'm In the Lord's Army"

The last time that I visited my family, my two little cousins sang me the song "I'm In the Lord's Army". It's their favorite Bible song – they're boys, they get to "shoot the artillery" and "march". They sing it with such enthusiasm. Their faces glow and they have some serious facial expressions. They

have no idea what an army is or what any of those words really mean.

They're just excited to be singing a song where wiggling isn't discouraged.

We've heard sermons about being united because we are in the "Lord's Army", but we've also heard that Christians are the only soldiers who kill their own wounded. Sometimes we are just like the boys and get so excited just to be moving. We don't think about the attacks that the enemy is planning that we will soon be fighting off. In the military, men and women get fired up before going into a battle, but their emotions change drastically once they step out on to that field and their lives are in danger. You really find out what a person is made of during those times of intense battle. It will

either make them or break them. If you think back to the Old Testament, Elijah went through a time that almost broke him. It came after one of his greatest victories over the prophets of Baal and Jezebel. Shortly after this victory he was begging for God to take his life due to the

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PSALM 106:13

lack of change in the people. Recently we've seen a great movement in our church and we've seen steps made

toward a revival. We've all been so motivated and excited about renovations. The past few weeks have seemed like our preparation for battle. We became united for a purpose and had a desire to see the church grow and change. Now we are at the battle stage where we've made Satan mad. He's our enemy and he's trying to infiltrate. He's using fellow members, the bank, and personal struggles to interfere with our worship and our progress. We need to stand strong; united in the Lord's army and fight against the wiles of the Devil. This is our only guaranteed way of seeing God continue to move.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Todd York – back problems

Miss Betty and her concerns

Preacher Bucky Nichols – health concerns

Chris and Randy Cole

David Neal – health concerns

David Handy – health concerns

Carolyn and David Lawson – unspoken request

Ann – spiritual battle

Barbara's niece Rhonda

Troy Redding – kidney stone

Upcoming fellowship events

Pastor Vic, Associate Pastor Josh Maness, and our other teachers and leaders

(If you ever have a request that you want added to this list, email us at: [faithfreewill@gmail.com](mailto:faithfreewill@gmail.com))

\* Remember those that we mention on a weekly basis \*

## WEB OVERHAUL

### A New Look Online / Music Recordings

The previous "updated" website never felt complete and involved a ton of clicking back and forth, so using some free time we have developed a new one that is much more user friendly. It's simple, clean, and bright. We've already had more clicks in the past few days with the new look than we did before with the black and tan themed site. We're having people email us from the site begging for churches to be planted and to see the will of God done in their lives so please pray for them. Like it was stated before, if the page looks funny on your computer, delete your cookies and refresh your browser cache. It also works on mobile devices, but a few boxes might be skewed on occasion. It worked fine on my Kindle as well.

We need to get some music recorded to put on the site. Soloists, be practicing. We'll be getting together sometime soon to record for online downloads. We'll probably just be doing audio because they are easier to download. We could put some videos on YouTube though...just be praying about it. That's really the only thing left to put online that we had on the site before the renovations. Many of those files were from people who no longer attend Faith, so we want to refresh it. We have lots of talent to showcase.

## RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fellowship Meetings and Outings

We want to thank everyone who was present for the annual elections / business meeting. If anyone would like a copy of the Church Members List, Minutes from the Meeting, or the List of Officers, please send an email to [faithfreewill@gmail.com](mailto:faithfreewill@gmail.com) with which documents you'd like. I can email them to you in a .pdf or bring a printed copy. We'll do them by request only to save on paper. It's hard to estimate the numbers to run off.

The Master's Men will be going on a fishing trip on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Vic Redding or Associate Pastor Josh Maness for details.

On Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> our church will be hosting one of the quarterly association fellowship meetings. This service will have one speaker (that will be Brother Pete Cole), singing, and light food afterwards. Niki Maness will be coordinating the food for this event. A signup sheet for will be placed on the table in the foyer. Services will begin at 7:30 pm.

The ladies Prayerbelle's group has discussed and begun plans for a fall retreat. We are planning this for August 1-3, 2014 in Burnsville, North Carolina. It will be a weekend trip. See Niki Maness for more details. We have a location set and the only cost will be gas getting there and any food/drinks that we need during the weekend.

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PSALM 106:12-13 KJV