

# Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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## The Pastor's Corner

I once read a devotional that included the following passage from the book of 2 Samuel. It tells us about some of King David's mightiest warriors,

*8 These are the names of David's mightiest warriors. The first was Jashobeam the Hacmonite, who was leader of the Three—the three mightiest warriors among David's men. He once used his spear to kill 800 enemy warriors in a single battle. 9 Next in rank among the Three was Eleazar son of Dodai, a descendant of Ahoah. Once Eleazar and David stood together against the Philistines when the entire Israelite army had fled. 10 He killed Philistines until his hand was too tired to lift his sword, and the LORD gave him a great victory that day. The rest of the army did not return until it was time to collect the plunder! 11 Next in rank was Shammah son of Agee from Harar. One time the Philistines gathered at Lehi and attacked the Israelites in a field full of lentils. The Israelite army fled, 12 but Shammah held his ground in the middle of the field and beat back the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory. 2 Sam 23:8-12 (NLT)*

Here's what happened. Around 1000 BC, King David organized 30 of his best soldiers as an elite force. It was a group of mighty men, people who were excellent at their jobs and fiercely loyal to their king. Three of these thirty were further recognized as the most courageous of all the soldiers in the armies of Israel.

The second man mentioned in this group went by the name of Eleazar. Scripture says that once the Israelites were fighting the Philistines, and the entire army of Israel fled from the battle--everyone except David and Eleazar. Eleazar stood with King David and fought until he was so tired, he could no longer lift up his sword...and scripture says the Lord gave Israel a great victory that day, and that the rest of the army did not return until it was time to collect the plunder.

Here's the point: It takes great courage to keep fighting when others are giving up around you. It takes great courage to keep fighting for Christ, even when you are outnumbered. **But most importantly, it takes great humility to keep fighting when the rest of the army only comes back in time to pick up your plunder.**

It's easy for people in Christian service to become weary. It's easy to give up. And it's even easier to get bitter when it seems that you're always the one doing the work, and others just come to take the plunder.

But God called us to fight, and if He called us to fight, then He'll give us the strength to finish the job. Don't give up. David and Eleazar didn't give up until the battle was won...and the only way two people can defeat an entire army is if their strength is from God and not from themselves.

Pastor Jim

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Lloyd – B
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tony Turner – B
- 7<sup>th</sup> Eddie D. Martin Jr. – B
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wanda Saunders – B
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kelly Henderson – B
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ann B. Fears – B  
Pat Spencer – B
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jason Dickerson – B
- 15<sup>th</sup> George & Billie Jean Baylous – A  
Mitzi Grove – B
- 17<sup>th</sup> Brenda Ashby – B
- 18<sup>th</sup> David Shiner – B  
Eddie D. Martin – B
- 19<sup>th</sup> Buster Dawson – B  
Jonathan Hudson – B
- 20<sup>th</sup> Darryl Dawson – B  
Joshua Cook – B
- 24<sup>th</sup> Betty Dickerson – B  
Michelle Epps – B  
David & Michelle Epps – A
- 25<sup>th</sup> Owen Satterfield – B  
Howard & Kathy Overstreet – A
- 26<sup>th</sup> Eddie & Patricia Martin – A
- 27<sup>th</sup> Samantha M. Rather – B
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bill & Kathleen Murphy – A

### APRIL FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a Fellowship Supper on Sunday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m. to kick off our Spring Revival. A Hymn Sing will follow in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m., and the preaching service will start at 7 p.m. We will have a number of guests, so please bring plenty of food!

# Blood DRIVE

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please come donate – all blood types are urgently needed!

Go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call Joani Layman, 434-476-7982, to make a donation appointment, or just come as a walk-in donor. Your donation saves lives!

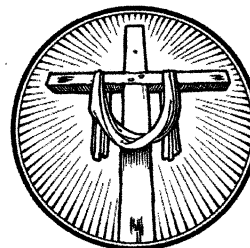
### COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY CONCERT

*On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, The Collingsworth Family will present a gospel music concert at 6:00 p.m. at the Halifax County High School. General admission tickets may be available at the door for \$10.00.*

*This concert will benefit the Halifax County Cancer Association.*

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Bethel and Winn's Creek Baptist  
Churches' Combined  
Easter Sunrise Service



at Bethel Baptist Church  
4198 Bethel Rd, Scottsburg  
7:00 A.M.

Rev. Jim Kopco will bring the message

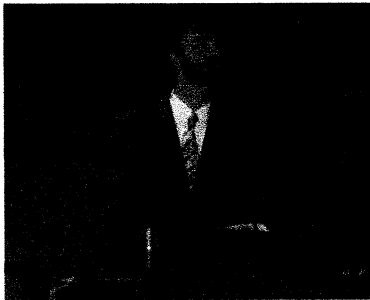
Breakfast at 7:30 A.M.

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**Sunday, April 12 - Wednesday, April 15**  
**- Services 7:00 p.m. nightly -**

Our Spring Revival will begin with a **covered-dish supper at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12.** The Winn's Creek Praise Team will lead a **hymn sing** on Sunday night from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and **revival services** that Sunday through Wednesday, April 15, will begin at **7:00 p.m. nightly**, with **Rev. Adam Blosser** as our revival speaker.



Rev. Blosser served as student pastor at Drake's Branch Baptist Church beginning May 2009 and has served as the pastor there since August 2013,

Adam is a graduate of Halifax Christian School (Class of 2006), Liberty University (B.A.) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M. Div.). He and his wife Ashley have one son, Hudson Douglas, and another child on the way.

**Special music for the revival services will be:**

- **Sunday, River Creek Vocal Band**
- **Monday, The Stewarts**
- **Tuesday, Prodigal Son (men's bluegrass gospel group from Drake's Branch Baptist Church)**
- **Wednesday, Jamie and Kathy Laine**

**BRING A FRIEND AND COME JOIN  
US FOR OUR SPRING REVIVAL!**

## **DRBA SENIOR REVIVAL**

The DRBA Senior Revival will be held on Thursday, April 16, at Aaron's Creek Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be the Rev. David Hanks, pastor of Mulberry Baptist Church.

Please plan to join us for this special time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Lunch will be provided at no cost; however, pre-registration is required, so do let Pastor Jim know if you plan to go by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> if you want a meal.

## **UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETING**

The regularly-scheduled April business meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m.

### **REFLECTIONS ONE YEAR OUT...**

*It was one year ago—April 3, 2014—that Bill Murphy had a double lung transplant at Duke University Hospital. He and Kathleen are happy to report that he is doing well, despite a lot of bumps in the road. As one doctor told them, sometimes Bill was "in the ditch." Nevertheless, God has been faithful and is truly the Great Healer. It is wonderful to have the Murphys back at church on Sundays and at some other activities.*

*Bill and Kathleen thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and assistance this past year. Please continue to pray for them, that he will regain even more strength and have few complications.*

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sundays** (unless otherwise announced)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### **Wednesdays** (unless otherwise announced)

7:00 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Study – Ray Vander Laan DVD series  
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### **Thursdays** (unless otherwise announced)

7:30 p.m. Praise Team practice (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

Sat., April 4 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bloodmobile  
2:00 p.m. Final Cantata Practice in sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Collingsworth Family Concert at Halifax Co. High School

**Easter Sunday** 7:00 a.m. Combined Easter Sunrise Service at Bethel Baptist  
7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Bethel Baptist after Sunrise Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (back at Winn's Creek)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Easter Cantata/The Lord's Supper  
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES TONIGHT

Thurs., April 9 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice  
**Sun., April 12** (Regular Sunday School & Worship in the morning)  
5:00 p.m. **Covered Dish Supper**  
6:30 p.m. **Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary**  
7:00 p.m. **Revival Service; Rev. Adam Blosser preaching**

**Mon.-Wed.,**  
**April 13-15** 7:00 p.m. **Revival Services; Rev. Adam Blosser preaching**

Thurs., April 23 7:30 p.m. Praise Team practice  
Sun., April 26 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

### NEW BABY!



**Congratulations to Kyle and Amy (Layman) Ledyard on the birth of their daughter,  
Afton Denise, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015!!**