

# Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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## The Pastor's Corner

A while back I was watching television, and I saw a commercial for Farmers Insurance Company. In the background of the commercial, there was this music, with the lyrics, "Hallelujah! Jubilation! Shout it up and down the mountain. I'm no longer like before, I've been restored." I enjoyed the song, and I really liked the commercial, because it was honest!

The purpose of insurance is restoration. That's it! Insurance, if working correctly, involves a number of people each giving a little, so if something happens to one of them, the pooled funds can be used to attempt to put the person affected back to the way he/she was before the incident occurred. That's how insurance is supposed to work.

The commercial simply told the truth about what insurance is designed to do. This wasn't an advertisement with agents materializing out of nowhere. It didn't promise hundreds of dollars of savings. And it didn't use talking ducks, reptiles, or pricing guns. It was simply a commercial explaining what insurance does...it restores us to the place we were before a terrible event happened.

Now if we think about this from a spiritual point of view, Christ was the one who performed the ultimate restoration. Because of the Fall, we were separated from our relationship to God. But Christ paid the price for us. He restored our relationship with our Heavenly Father. So we no longer have to live the way we did before, because we've been restored. Paul put it this way in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11:

*Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,<sup>10</sup> or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of*

*God.<sup>11</sup> Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)*

Jesus has restored our relationship with God. We don't have to live in the sin that we had before. That's certainly a reason to sing praises!

Now, with a little help from some search engines and the internet, I was able to find the rest of the song from the background of the commercial. The song is called "I've been Restored" by a guy named Bob Pyle. The first verse does talk about a car that had fallen apart and was restored. But in the bridge, the songwriter starts talking about himself, he says,

*"Looking backwards to a time, of delusion and self-pride, I'm surprised, that I made it through the troubled times of life. Now Hallelujah, Adoration, pure as water from the fountain, that's been sent down by the Lord, I've been restored...Reformation, Jubilation, shout it all across the nation, I'm no longer like before, I've been restored."*

God does the ultimate restoration. We no longer need to live controlled by sin. The Apostle Paul said that we were once sinners...but we were cleansed, we were made right. How? By calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of God. Jesus has restored our relationship with God, and the Holy Spirit helps us to continually be the people He has called us to be. Jesus paid the ultimate premium, to provide us with the greatest insurance, against the worst thing that could ever possibly happen to us.

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**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING  
RESCHEDULED TO  
SUNDAY, FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6 P.M.**



The DRBA Youth Winter Big Event will be held at First Baptist Church, South Boston, on Sunday, February

21<sup>st</sup> from 3–7 p.m. Special music will be provided by *Three Nails* and *King's Work*. Pastor Joe Lively, from Clover Bottom Baptist Church, will be the speaker. Any youth (middle school through high school) who would like to attend, please see Pastor Jim.

## THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN FEBRUARY!

We're planning a menu of homemade soups, salads, and desserts for lunch on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. So bring your different kinds of soup and sandwiches and desserts, and plan to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with your church family.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Chuck & Sabrina Conner  
3129 Union Church Rd.  
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**FEBRUARY**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please see Joani Layman.)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holt – B
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bruce Barksdale – B
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jason Claiborne – B
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Kinder – B
- 7<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Elliott – B
- 8<sup>th</sup> John Ambrose Sr. – B
- 9<sup>th</sup> Anne Jones – B
- 10<sup>th</sup> Gladys Dodson – B
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carol Ann Fears – B
- 13<sup>th</sup> Kathy Ambrose – B
- 14<sup>th</sup> Brittany Perkins – B
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Margaret Francisco – B
- 16<sup>th</sup> Amelia Clements – B  
Tommy Paynter – B
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dalyn Hudson – B
- 18<sup>th</sup> Phil & Wanda Saunders – A
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sabrina Conner – B
- 25<sup>th</sup> Maranda Gunn – B
- 26<sup>th</sup> Orpha Nichols – B  
Curtis Grove – B
- 28<sup>th</sup> Linda Conner – B



## NEXT BLOODMOBILE

**Saturday, April 2  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY

Our local Habitat for Humanity will soon begin work on their 15<sup>th</sup> house, to be built on North Main Street in South Boston. Volunteers will be needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please email Bill Wilkins at [billwilkins5014@yahoo.com](mailto:billwilkins5014@yahoo.com), or speak with Pastor Jim and he will help you get in touch with Mr. Wilkins.

## HALIFAX CO. CANCER ASSN. BENEFIT CONCERT

On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound will present a concert at

Halifax County High School. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will benefit the Halifax County Cancer Association. Tickets may be purchased at the Dan River Baptist Association and the South Boston Visitor Center, and probably at other area locations as well.

## An excerpt from WALKING WITH GOD by Dr. Charles F. Stanley

Our intimacy with God—His highest priority for our lives—determines the impact of our lives.

*O God, You are my God; I shall seek you earnestly;  
My soul thirsts for You...  
For You have been my help,  
And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to You;  
Your right hand upholds me.*  
- Psalm 63:1, 7-8

## CHURCH CALENDAR



<b>Sundays</b> (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 (practicing Easter cantata "No Cross, No Crown")
<b>Wednesdays</b> (unless otherwise announced)	
7:00 p.m.	Ray Vander Laan DVD/Bible Study (for men & women)
8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>Thursdays</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team practice (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

Mon., Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	Deacons & Wives' meetings
Thurs., Feb. 11	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team practice
Sun., Feb. 14		Valentine's Day -- <i>Tell someone how much they mean to you!</i>
Sun., Feb. 21	after church	Third Sunday Meal -- bring soups, sandwiches, desserts
	6:00 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting (rescheduled from Jan. 24)
Thurs., Feb. 25	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team practice