

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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The Pastor's Corner

Do you remember the first time you went to the guidance counselor's office? I remember! It happened when I was in middle school, about 7th grade. At my school, this was when they would first take each of us out of our class for an hour to meet with the person who was to help us decide what we would do for a living.

Our guidance counselor would ask us what kind of job we thought we would like to do when we were older. This counselor was a woman, and she had a large collection of VCR tapes, each about a particular vocation. Based on our response to her question, she would take out the most closely matching tape, and she'd put it into this VCR, and give us a set of headphones, so we could watch and listen to it. It told us all the statistics about our chosen job.

We were taken to the guidance office two students at a time. I went back with another kid named Josh. The guidance counselor asked me first what I wanted to do...I can't even remember what I said in 7th grade...but she put in the corresponding tape for me to view.

Then she began to talk to Josh. She asked Josh what he wanted to do, and he said, "I'd like to write cartoons."

She responded, "That's not a real job."

Josh said, "But that's what I really want to do."

She told him, "Most people can't make a living doing that...you have to pick one of the vocations on the tapes."

So Josh finally picked another one. Here's the deal. Throughout our lives, the culture of the world will try to change us. The culture will tell us that we need to do these certain things to be happy, or that we need to have certain items, or certain relationships, in order to live and have a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

But often, it just isn't true. As followers of Christ we must live to change the world, not have the world change us! Sometimes, this means we need to be different and not follow what the world says our path should be.

Jesus put it this way in John 17:15, when he prayed for his followers and said,

15 I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. **16** They do not belong to this world any more than I do. John 17:15-16 (NLT)

If you think about it, this world really isn't our home, anyway.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
RESCHEDULED TO
SUNDAY, FEB. 5th AT 6 P.M.**

SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Corda Nichols

3116 Clay's Mill Road, Halifax VA 24558

434-476-4498

*Please remember Corda with a card or a call,
and keep her in your prayers.*

THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We're planning a menu of homemade soups, salads, and desserts for lunch on Sunday, February 19th. 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.



DRBA WOMEN'S RETREAT

Tues., Feb. 28 8:30 a.m.-noon

Clover Bottom Baptist Church

7042 Stage Coach Rd., Nathalie VA

'Reach for the Stars'

Guest speaker will be Melissa Dunn. Music to be provided by Mary Pack. **Free Event! Free Light Breakfast! Free Light Lunch!** Please register by February 15, 2017. To register, call Vickie Barker 434-376-2176 or email vbarker@dejins.com.
Snow date: February 25, 2017.

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

On February 1st, we will start a new Bible study on church history, to be held on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Pastor Jim will lead this in the fellowship hall.

Betty Ann Burton and Pat Riley have volunteered to do children's church at the same time as the Bible study, beginning on February 8th. They are also willing to provide a light meal for any of the families with children that want to come. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up if you want to come, so they will know how much to prepare.

The adult choir practices on Wednesday nights from 8-9 p.m. Come join in the fun!!

Congratulations to Seth and Jessica Elliott on the birth of their son Brentley Jase on January 10 (11 lb. 3 oz, 22 in.) Bill and Kathleen Murphy are proud Great-Grandparents!



On Saturday, Feb. 11, Winn's Creek will take the DRBA van to the Liberty/Rutgers men's ice hockey game. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and should be back around 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for adults; tickets for kids 18 and under will be paid by the children's/youth funds. You **MUST** sign up in advance (signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board beside the kitchen) if you want to sit with our group, as we are getting reserved seats.

PLEASE NOTE: THE MOVIE NIGHT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 11TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. *Tubing is coming!*

When Sunday services are cancelled due to snow, ice, or other bad conditions, we will try to have it on Channel 13 and will also send out the Prayer Tree telephone message.



NEXT BLOODMOBILE AT WINN'S CREEK

**Saturday, April 1
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

To donate or help, contact Joani Layman,
434-476-7982

OUR SPRING REVIVAL!

**Sunday April 23 –
Wednesday, April 26**



Pastor Ken Warfield (Fork Baptist Church) will be guest speaker for the Sunday morning and evening services. Pastor David Hanks (Mulberry Baptist Church) will speak at our Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night services, all at 7 p.m. On Sunday evening, April 23, we will have desserts in the fellowship hall after the revival service is over.

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CHURCH CALENDAR



Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

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| 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 |

"For the Sake of Love")

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

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| 7:00 p.m. | Church History - DVD/Bible Study (for men & women)
Children's Church provided for children of Bible study participants |
| 8:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |

Thursdays

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| 7:30 p.m. | Praise Team practice (2 nd & 4 th Thursdays) |
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| Sun., Feb. 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Quarterly Business Meeting |
| Thurs., Feb. 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Praise Team practice |
| Sat., Feb. 11 | 5:30 p.m. | Meet at church for Liberty/Rutgers ice hockey game |
| Tues., Feb. 14 | | Valentine's Day – <i>Tell someone how much they mean to you!</i> |
| Sun., Feb. 19 | after church | Third Sunday Meal – bring soups, sandwiches, desserts |
| Thurs., Feb. 23 | 7:30 p.m. | Praise Team practice |
| Tues., Feb. 28 | 8:30 a.m.- noon | DRBA Women's Retreat at Clover Bottom Baptist |
| Mon., March 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Deacons & Wives meetings |

PLAN AHEAD –

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| Mon., March 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Deacons & Wives meetings |
| Sat., April 1 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Bloodmobile |
| Easter Sunday , April 16 | | Easter Cantata during morning worship (11 a.m.) |
| Sun., April 23 – Wed., April 26 | | Spring Revival |

We will have a dedication service sometime in **May** for infants and small children and their families. Please see Pastor Jim if you would like to know more about this.