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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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In the last newsletter, I told you about getting one of my favorite Christmas presents, a *Commodore 64* computer when I was about 10 years old. So you already know that I was kind of a nerd at the time.

For seven years, I played games on my Commodore and printed out homework assignments. My sister and I even put every single baseball card that I owned into a database program. (I knew that I had 3 *Topps* Mark McGuire rookie cards, and one of them had the white triangle error in the corner).

But by the time I was a junior in High School, the *Commodore* was old. People weren't making software for it anymore. So my dad and I decided that we would look into getting a new computer for the next Christmas.

One of the computers that we looked at, and almost bought, was called an *Atari ST*.



The *Atari ST* was nicknamed the "*Jackintosh*", because the Atari Corp. had been bought by Jack Tramel, and the *ST* used basically the same processor as a *MAC*. The big difference was the *ST* was color and cost far less money.

In the end, my father and I decided to get a Microsoft compatible 386 computer that ran *Windows 3.1*, which was new at the time. It was probably a good decision, but there is one thing the *ST* had that no other computer came with at the time that I always envied. If you turned the *Atari ST* around and looked at the back, it looked like this:



The *Atari ST* was the first home computer to come with a built in MIDI controller and built in MIDI ports (circled in red). A MIDI controller allowed you to control any MIDI musical keyboard or synthesizer through the computer.

Our local music store had an *Atari ST* attached to a *Roland* Keyboard, and it was amazing the things that could be done with it. You could put in notes line by line on the music software...you could assign instruments...and when you were finished, the computer would send those signals out to the keyboard, which would play the finished product.

So instead of someone physically playing the keyboard...the keyboard could be told what to do from signals through the midi controller...and it would play based on those internal signals that were received. The songs that could be composed through the Midi music program on the *ST* were way more intricate than a person could play on their own.

In the same way, with this being the New Year, many of us will be trying to make changes to our lives. Maybe there are vices we want to give up. Maybe there are good things that we want to do. The changes we can make on our own are somewhat limited...just like what one person can play on a synthesizer with only 10 fingers.

But real change, much bigger change can happen, if we allow the Holy Spirit, like the MIDI controller, to change us from the inside, out.

If we have accepted Christ, then the Holy Spirit lives inside of us. As Paul put it,

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. 1 Cor 6:19-20 (NLT)

The change can be so much better, and so much more real, if we simply allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

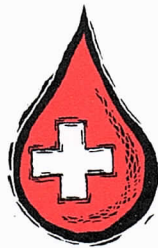
And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. Romans 8:26 (NLT)

God sent us the gift of His Holy Spirit. This year, let us be open to His work in our lives.

Pastor Jim.

*Atari ST pictures from Wikipedia, and the MIDI illustration picture from Indiana University.





AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive at Winn's Creek will be Saturday, January 5th from 10AM-2PM. Please make plans to come out and help or give!



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our next quarterly Business meeting at Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be Sunday, January 27th at 6PM. Please make plans to attend.



NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

We will be starting a new Wednesday Evening Bible study on Wed. Jan. 23rd at 7PM. This is a Dr. Ray Vanderlaan study. It is called, "Clash of Kingdoms". It's about presenting the true Gospel in a world of false religion. It focuses on Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, and was filmed on location in Greece. Please make plans to come for this exciting study!



SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday Evening Bible Study on the book of Genesis will resume on Sunday, January 20th at 6PM. We hope to see you there!



LYNLEIGH GREY CLAIBORN

was born on November 12, 2018. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. She was 20 inches long.



ELLAJEAN DIANE CLARK

was born on November 29, 2018. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. She was 20 inches long.



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES



4th Mike & Pat Spencer - A

7th Garnett Hall - B
Maverick Clayton -B

9th Adam Layman - B

10th Zachery Epps - B
Alice Clayton - B

13th Robert Conrad - B

15th Tyler Hudson - B

24th Kitty Holt - B

25th Joanie Layman - B

26th Cindy Cole - B

27th Kasey Martin - B
Joshua Martin - B

31st Danny Owen - B



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

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 Ann 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

17th Dalyn Barksdale - B

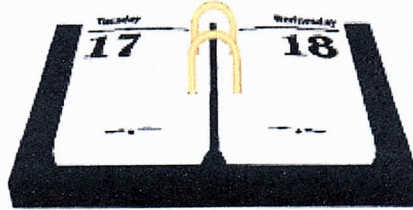
18th Phil & Wanda Saunders - A

25th Maranda Gunn - B

26th Curtis Grove - B

28th Linda Conner - B

WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

9:45AM Opening Assembly/Sunday School

11:00AM Morning Worship

6:00PM Adult Bible Study

7:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00PM *That the World May Know* Bible Study

8:00PM Adult Choir

- January 5th American Red Cross Bloodmobile
- January 20th Sunday Evening Bible Study resumes at 6PM
- January 23rd New Wed. Evening Bible Study begins at 7PM
- January 27th Quarterly Business meeting at 6PM
- February 4th Deacons & Deacons Wives Meeting at 7PM