



Winn's Creek Baptist Church
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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
January/February 2020

When do you take down your Christmas Tree?



Where I grew up, it seemed like most people would ideally like to set up and decorate their tree the day after Thanksgiving. Then after Christmas, most would try to take their tree down by January 5th, the day before what some churches would celebrate as *Epiphany* or *Three Kings Day*.

In fact, many people think that if your tree is still up by the time Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th, then it's bad luck.

In some predominately Roman Catholic areas...folks even have a "Burning of the Trees"...families would get together to take their live Christmas trees down and pile them up and have bonfires on the fifth of January.



In states like Louisiana, others, instead of taking down their Christmas Trees and wreaths...they'd simply redecorate them on the 5th before Epiphany. They'd usually use gold, purple, and green beads or ribbons, and they'd become "Mardi Gras" trees & wreaths.



The superstition continues, and basically says, if you don't take your decorations down on the 5th before

Three Kings Day is celebrated, then you need to leave them up the rest of the year, or you'll have misfortune.

NOW, WE KNOW THIS IS NOT TRUE. IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN SUPERSTITION THAT HAS CREPT INTO THE CHURCH. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF/WHEN YOU PUT DECORATIONS UP, AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN THEY'RE TAKEN DOWN.

But what was originally celebrated on *Epiphany*, January 6th? *Epiphany* celebrates the arrival of the Kings from the East in Bethlehem, to see Jesus.

In the Bible, we read the following in the first two verses of Matthew chapter 2,

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."
Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

If you think about it...the Magi who came from the East to see Jesus...they may have been the first non-Jewish people to see their Messiah in the flesh.

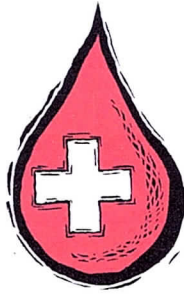
And this little Baby Boy, whom the wisemen came to worship...this Baby Boy would grow up, He would live a perfect life, and He would become the sacrifice that paid the price for the sin of the world...and restored peoples' relationship with God. Jews & Gentiles alike.

So the real reason we can be excited, it's because we've been grafted into God's family tree, through faith in Christ.

As the Apostle Paul put it in Romans 11:16,
"If the roots of the tree are holy, the branches will be, too." (NLT)

How thankful we should be for what Christ did, that allowed even us, to become part of God's family.

Pastor Jim.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2020.

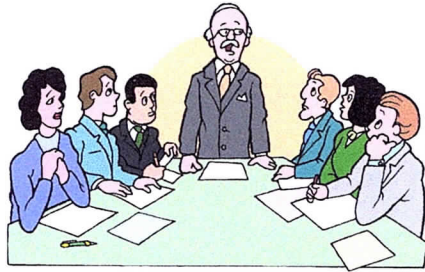
10AM – 2PM at Winn’s Creek Baptist Church.

Please make plans to give! Thanks.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are currently available. They are on the front pew of the sanctuary. Please mark your envelope box number on the sheet to help with record keeping.



BUSINESS MEETING

Winn’s Creek next Quarterly Business meeting will be Sunday, January 26th at 6PM.



DEACONS & DEACON WIVES’ MEETING

Our next Deacon/Deacon Wives meeting will be Monday, February 3rd at 7PM.



FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our next Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, February 16th, after the morning worship service. This will be a soup & sandwiches meal. Members are asked to bring a dessert.

DVD-Based Study

REDEEMED

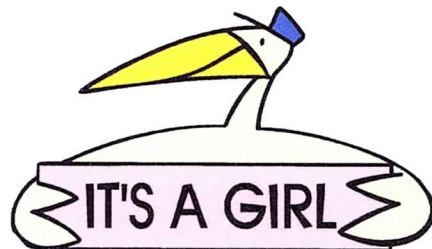
SEEING THE MESSIAH IN THE BOOK OF RUTH

JOIN US FOR THIS SIX-SESSION STUDY AS WE:

- Get a close-up look at the lives of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz
- Dive into the fascinating history and culture of the book of Ruth
- Find out how Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, points to Jesus as our ultimate Redeemer
- Deepen your understanding of what it means to be loved and redeemed by God

Winn's Creek will be beginning this new Wednesday Night Study on the book of Ruth beginning Wednesday, January 15th at 7PM. Handouts to go along with the study will be provide. Please make plans to come. Thanks!

ROSE



LILY JADE JONES

Born Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 11:43AM.
Weighing Six pounds, Six ounces.
19 inches long.



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES



4th Mike & Pat Spencer - A
7th Garnett Hall - 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

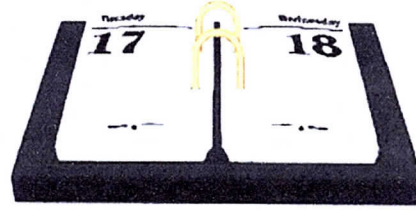


FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

4th Bruce Barksdale - B
5th Jason Claiborne - B
6th Dorothy Kinder - B
Hannah Abbott - 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 *Exodus* Adult Bible Study
- 7:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

- 7:00PM *Redeemed* Bible Study
- 8:00PM Adult Choir

- Jan. 4rd American Red Cross Bloodmobile
- Jan. 5th Communion
- Jan. 15th Redeemed Bible Study on book of Ruth Begins
- Jan. 26th Business Meeting
- Feb. 3rd Deacon & Deacon Wives Meeting
- Feb. 16th Fellowship Meal (Soups & Sandwiches)