

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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The Pastor's Corner

I was really excited last week, because the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team won the Stanley Cup! I'm also hopeful for the future, because the last two times that the Pens have won the cup in the spring, the Steelers have followed up by winning the Super Bowl in the fall. So here's to hoping that the Steelers can do their part and complete the hat trick!

One of the things that I did during this last playoff series between my Pittsburgh Penguins and the opposing San Jose Sharks, is I made a hype video. I already knew what I wanted to use as a prop. Vacation Bible School was over, and I had noticed that we had these inflatable Shark decorations left in the sanctuary. I asked Kelly if I could have one to destroy, in hopes of inspiring my team to victory. She laughed and said, "Okay".

Here's what I did: I took the decoration outside and inflated it as much as I could...it was huge! I then placed it in the parking lot in front of an empty garbage can. I went inside and got one of my hockey sticks, and I glued a thumb tack to it with some super glue. I went back outside and got a hockey ball and put on my inline skates. I asked Julie if she would record me on my phone, and she agreed.

The plan was simple...I was going to stick handle with the hockey ball, and then shoot it past the shark into the garbage can. After this, I was going to hit the shark with my hockey stick where the thumbtack was glued, and the idea was that it would explode. I thought that this would be easy, and that it would take about 5 minutes.

But it's much harder to score past an inflated shark than it looks, especially when you haven't played in a while. It took me three tries before I was able to shoot the ball past the shark into the can. And the first time I scored, I still wasn't happy with the shot. I put the ball in the can...but not with

authority. So I told Julie I wanted to redo it and record it again.

It took two more tries before I finally shot the ball the way I wanted into the can...but then when I hit the shark with my stick, the tack broke off, so the inflated shark didn't explode. At this point I also had to spend another five minutes finding the tack so that no one ended up with a flat tire. All to make a video in which I still wasn't 100 percent satisfied (because it would have been 10 times cooler if that shark would have exploded.)

Now, what could possibly be the spiritual point of any of this? Well, today, a lot of people say that they believe in reincarnation. And they like the idea of karma...the concept that if one does more good than bad, then their next life will be better (and vice-versa).

But people don't think this through to its logical conclusion. I like the way author Mark Becker puts it:

"In much of the Orient, this strict belief in karma has resulted in a hopeless, pessimistic view of life. Their lives are seen as dreary, endless cycles of suffering and rebirth. Because of this endless chain of karma, reincarnation does not resolve the problem of evil, but simply points toward the impossible goal of perfection"

Think about it. I was frustrated because I had to record a video over and over again, never really getting it right. Imagine how sad it would be to live one's life over and over; never really accomplishing enough to be satisfied, or even to end the cycle.

Thankfully we don't need to keep trying again and again in vain to live the perfect life. Jesus has already done it for us. As the author of Hebrews put it, **(continued on back of page)**

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Heb 12:1-2 (NLT)

Christ is the champion who lived the perfect life. We just need to keep our eyes on Him. We don't have to be caught in a cycle of dreariness, where we can never measure up. Our Savior paid the price for us. He's already completed the perfect take on our behalf! We just have to be willing to accept it.

Pastor Jim



FIREWORKS & ICE CREAM

Come help celebrate our freedom as a country on the evening of Sunday, July 3rd. After choir practice (around

8:15 p.m.) Pastor Jim will set off some fireworks and we will have ice cream on the parsonage porch. All are welcome. These are very small TNT brand home fireworks. We have nine of them to set off. The show will begin around 8:15 p.m. and we should be done by 8:45 p.m., weather permitting. We hope to see you there!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 2nd Russell & Brenda Ashby – A
Cody Henderson - B
- 4th Marie McLaughlin – B
- 6th Tony Duffey – B
- 10th Joan Boutwell - B
Sadie Everett Lloyd – B
Matt Comer – B
Steven Conner – B
- 13th Matt Gunn – B
- 14th Carolyn Dressler – B
- 16th Matthew Eanes – B
- 17th Courtney Epps – B
- 18th Phyllis Dawson – B
- 19th Jakob Jones – B
- 20th Joshua Paynter – B
- 22nd Brianna Fears – B
Adam West – B
- 23rd Karen Shiner – B
- 24th Mitzi Gunn – B
- 27th Charles Fears – B
Dylan Plainte – B
- 28th Buster & Phyllis Dawson – A
Chelsea Grove – B
Joe Martin – B
- 31st Chase Cole – B
Boo Conner – B
Nancye Mode – B

HOMECOMING – Sunday, Sept. 25
If you would like to donate flowers for the sanctuary or food tables, please contact Barbara Satterfield right away (434-476-7510).

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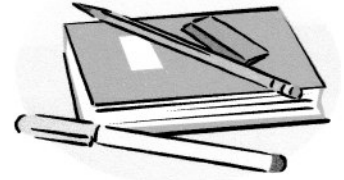
- 1st John Courtney – B
Corey Overstreet – B
Vince Loftis – B
- 3rd Ray Montgomery – B
Mary Elizabeth Magnotto – B
- 4th Kelly Fears – B
Katlyn Smith – B
- 7th Luther & Linda Conner – A
Jennifer Smith – B
- 9th Linda Hart – B
- 10th Joyce Ratliff – B
- 12th Judy Loftis – B
- 14th Aiden West – B
- 17th Jackson Hank Ambrose – B
- 18th Cecelia Owen – B
- 19th Kim Martin – B
- 22nd Russell Ashby – B
Alex Turner – B
- 24th Steve Stewart – B
Skeeter Conner – B
- 27th Conner Abbott – B
- 28th Deborah Montgomery – B
- 30th Tom & Kelly Fears – A
Kayla Dawson – B
- 31st David Epps – B
Madison Gunn – B
Sharon Daly – B

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

For our Third Sunday Fellowship Meal on July 17th, we will have a "Cold Meal." Bring something that doesn't require much cooking – sandwiches, salads, cold fried chicken, cool desserts. We will not have a fellowship meal in August, to give the cooks a break before we begin to cook for Homecoming on September 25th.

SCHOOL SUPPLY MINISTRY

The Dan River Baptist Association school supply ministry has items that need to be replenished before the upcoming school year.



The items needed are:

- Cap erasers
- Index cards
- Pens
- 3-ring binders
- Colored pencils
- Paper
- Markers

We will be collecting these items in a box in the vestibule at church from now through Sunday, August 7th. Thanks!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To donate or volunteer, contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982.

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FEATURES OF WWW.WINNSCREEK.ORG



Have you visited the church website lately? It is a wealth of resources! For people out of the area and for shut-

ins, the audio for the entire Sunday morning service is available live from 11 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m. on our church website. It is just like listening to the radio. Just go to the church website (www.winncreek.org) at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, and click on the "Listen to live Streaming audio" tab.

You can also read the church newsletter on the church website; links are updated every month. We normally try to post church closings & delays due to weather or other unusual circumstances on the church website as well. In addition, there is a church calendar, and you can find out more about the history of Winn's Creek Baptist Church, our giving and denominational affiliations, and some background information on Pastor Jim. Everything is right there at www.winncreek.org. Check it out!

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 Studies
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursdays (unless otherwise announced)

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



Sun., July 3	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship & The Lord's Supper
	8:15 p.m.	Fireworks & Ice Cream at the Parsonage
Thurs., July 14	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Sun., July 17	after worship	Third Sunday Meal – "Cold Meal"
Sun., July 24	6:00 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting
Thurs., July 28	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Mon., Aug. 1	7:00 p.m.	Deacons & Wives Meetings
Sat., Aug. 6	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	BLOODMOBILE at Winn's Creek

PLAN AHEAD: HOMECOMING! Sunday, September 25 – Morning Worship at 11, Covered Dish Luncheon and fellowship to follow. Watch the church website for info about our speaker for Homecoming.