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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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Dr. Michael Cox, was the pastor of West Lynchburg Baptist Church when I did my internship back in 2004. He recently shared the following quote from C.S. Lewis about living with the threat of atomic weapons.

In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. "How are we to live in an atomic age?"

I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

*In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—*anesthetics*; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.*

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game

of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

— "On Living in an Atomic Age" (1948) in *Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays*

We can take Mr. Lewis' quote and compare it with our situation with COVID-19, and there are a lot of parallels.

Yes, COVID-19 is bad. Yes, it has killed a lot of people. And yes, we need to do the best we can to take precautions to keep people safe. With all of this in mind, however, we can't live our lives in a sense of constant fear. The truth is, there are a lot of things out there that can kill us. Just as there were a lot of things that could kill people back in 1948.

Back then, the atomic bomb was the new thing to worry about. Today, it's viruses and superbugs. They are the most recent threat to human life.

We need to head our leaders and take common sense precautions. We should do our best to respect those whom God has placed in positions of authority.

But we cannot be forever scared of the things of this world. As Christians, death is not the worst thing that can happen. In fact, in a sense it's something that we look forward to with anticipation. As Paul put it in 2nd Corinthians 5,

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. 2 Cor 5:1-2 NLT

Pastor Jim.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 1 Timothy 1:7 NLT



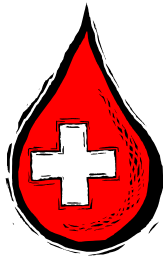
CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

We are going to extend the deadline for church directory pictures. Shortly after we get back to meeting, we will try to have a Sunday or two where families can get their pictures taken. In addition, you can still go to the church website at www.winns creek.org and click Photo Directory and fill out the form and upload your picture.



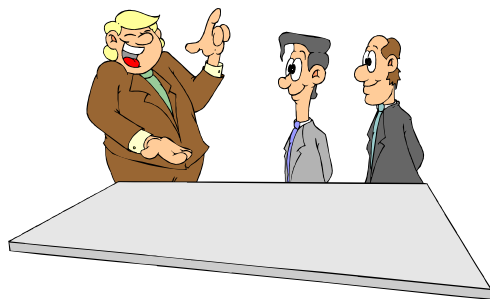
BUSINESS MEETING

Winn's Creek Baptist Church's next Business meeting will be Sunday, July 26th at 6PM. This meeting will take place in the sanctuary. The pews will be marked out with spacing for social distancing.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, August 1st from 10AM – 2PM. If you'd like to sign up to give, please see Joani or you can register online at www.redcross.org Thanks!



Deacons' Meeting

Winn's Creek will be having our next Deacon's meeting on Monday, July 20th at 7PM. We have a lot of things to discuss, so please make plans to attend. Thanks!



DRBA SURVEY

The search committee of the DRBA is asking all pastors, trustees, deacons, members, and laypersons of DRBA Churches to fill in a survey regarding thoughts on the roll of the associational coordinator and the future of the association. There will be paper forms available at our drive-in services, or you can fill out an online survey at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201958215080048>



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please see Pastor Jim.)

- 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
Autumn Dease - B
- 16th Matthew Eanes – B
- 17th Courtney Epps – B
- 18th Phyllis Dawson – B
- 19th Jakob Jones – B
- 22nd Brianna Fears – B
- 23rd Karen Shiner – B
- 24th Mitzi Gunn – B
- 27th Charles Fears – B
Dylan Plainte – B
- 28th Chelsea Grove – B
Joe Martin – B
Julie Kopco - B
- 31st Chase Cole – B
Boo Conner – B
Nancye Mode – B



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- 1st John Courtney – B
Vince Loftis – B
- 3rd Mary Elizabeth Magnotto – B
- 4th Kelly Fears – B
Katlyn Smith – B
- 7th Luther & Linda Conner – A
Jennifer Smith – B
- 9th Linda Hart – B
- 12th Judy Loftis – B
- 17th Jackson Hank Ambrose – B
- 18th Cecelia Owen – B
Huntleigh Reid Henderson - B
- 19th Kim Martin – B
- 22nd Russell Ashby – B
Alex Turner – B
- 24th Steve Stewart – B
Skeeter Conner – B
Rob Abbott - B
- 27th Maxine Martin – B
Conner Abbott – B
- 28th Deborah Montgomery – B
- 30th Kayla Dawson – B
- 31st David Epps – B
Madison Gunn – B