

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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The Pastor's Corner

I'm actually writing this newsletter article while looking out at the Atlantic Ocean! Julie and I enjoy visiting the beach for vacation. This year we're at Virginia Beach. I'm having a lot of fun skating on the boardwalk.

Now when I'm skating, I normally begin wherever our hotel is, then skate the whole way to one side of the boardwalk, then turn around and skate the whole way to the other, and then it's back to the hotel. Since our hotel is somewhat in the middle, I'm actually skating more than the entire length of the boardwalk (3 miles) each time!

In every instance when I arrive at one end of the boardwalk, I do something some people might consider quirky. At both ends of the Virginia Beach boardwalk there are silver rails. Each time I come to the end, I always slow down so I can reach out and touch the rail. I do this at both ends. In this way, I feel that I have really skated the ENTIRE length of the boardwalk.

I have seen a couple of other people do this same thing, but most of the time, when skaters, runners, or bikers get close to the end, they simply turn around. They don't go the whole way to the rail. It just doesn't make sense to me...why go all that way without really finishing?

I think there are many people that treat their faith in the same way. Many people are aware of Christ's existence, they know that God made the universe, and they are aware of their sin...but they never make the necessary step of accepting Christ as their Savior and Lord. They stop just short. How sad it is!

In the Old Testament, David once lamented the death of his friend, Abner. Abner had killed one of Joab's relatives in self-defense. A little while later, Joab caught up with Abner right outside the gates of the city of Hebron. At that time, Hebron was a

city of refuge; if you unintentionally killed someone, you were safe inside that city. But instead of rushing into the city, Abner stepped to the side to speak to Joab...and there he was killed.

King David was so sad about what had happened to Abner that he wrote a song. In Second Samuel, chapter 3, we read,

31 Then David said to Joab and all those who were with him, "Tear your clothes and put on burlap. Mourn for Abner." And King David himself walked behind the procession to the grave.³² They buried Abner in Hebron, and the king and all the people wept at his graveside.³³ Then the king sang this funeral song for Abner:

"Should Abner have died as fools die?³⁴ Your hands were not bound; your feet were not chained. No, you were murdered— the victim of a wicked plot." 2 Sam 3:31-34 (NLT)

David said that "Abner died as fools die"...in other words, David was saying that Abner died steps away from safety. Many people are convicted by the Holy Spirit of their need to repent and come to Christ. But so many people put off the decision. They think that there will be a better time later.

But we're not guaranteed the future. Any moment could be our last. If a person has a decision to make for Christ, today is the day to do it. As Paul put it in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "***Today is the day of salvation.***"

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



- 1st Carolyn Cook - B
Darrell & Stephanie Elliott - A
- 3rd Kaitlyn Claiborne - B
- 4th Dwight Dawson - B
- 6th C.J. Claiborne - B
P. J. Saunders - B
- 7th Joey Ambrose - B
- 10th Larry & Joani Layman - A
- 13th Stover Owen - B
- 19th Seth Elliott - B
- 20th Larry Wayne Fears, Jr. - B
- 22nd Betty Burton - B
Billie Jean Baylous - B
Joshua Gunn - B
- 23rd Taft Dixon - B
- 24th Monroe Duffey - B
Alex Fears - B
- 26th Linda Fears - B
Gabriel Clay - B
- 30th Bill Murphy - B
Raven Epps - B
Amber Dodson - B

On Sunday, May 17, the following graduates were honored at Winn's Creek Church:

Chase Cole - Chase will graduate from Halifax County High School on May 30, receiving an Associate Degree of Applied Science from SVCC at the same time. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina, majoring in Pre-Pharmacy, with plans to eventually get a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Cindy Cole - Cindy graduated from Walden University with a Master's Degree in Nursing with a concentration of Family Nurse Practitioner, and is currently seeking employment in this area.

Cameron Conner - Cameron will graduate from Halifax County High School on May 30. She plans to attend cosmetology school in Roanoke.

Courtney Epps - Courtney will graduate from the Danville Regional Medical Center School of Health Professions with an Associate degree in Radiologic Technology.

Chelsea Grove - Chelsea will graduate from Halifax County High School on May 30, receiving an Associate Degree from SVCC at the same time. She plans to attend Shenandoah University in the fall.

Maranda Gunn - Maranda will graduate from Halifax County High School on May 30. She has also completed her Virginia certification as a Pharmacy Technician and is working on completing her national certification.

Ra'Shawn Jones - Ra'Shawn will graduate from Halifax County High School on May 30. He plans to attend SVCC and major in welding and criminal justice.

We pray that God will bless and guide each of these graduates as they continue with their educational and employment endeavors.



Saturday, June 6

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please contact Joani Layman at 434-476-7982, to help with the Bloodmobile or donate blood. Each unit of blood donated can save up to three lives!!

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June 20th Benefit Set for Laura & Randy Tingen



On Saturday, June 20, friends and neighbors will join together to host a benefit for Laura and Randy Tingen and their family at Winn's Creek Baptist Church.

The benefit will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal of pork barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, and assorted desserts. The cost is \$8 per plate; take-out will be available.

At 7:00 p.m., there will be a song service and love offering. Musical groups will include the River Creek Vocal Band (vocals by James Stewart, Jeff Henderson, Tim Davis); Ben & Linda Hughes; Harold Young; and James Hazelwood, as well as the Winn's Creek Choir and Praise Team.

All proceeds from the benefit will be given to the Tingens to help with medical expenses. **Non-perishable food items will also be collected to provide a "pantry shower" for the family.**

Laura, who is a licensed practical nurse, is facing the serious challenge of leukemia. Although she is awaiting a bone marrow transplant, first Laura will need surgery to alleviate complications of this painful disease.

Randy is employed by Piedmont Maintenance Services. Both he and Laura have served in the Halifax Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to their three children—Dakota, Parker and Peyton—Laura and Randy have extended family ties in Halifax County.

Please reserve the evening of June 20th to come and help these friends in need. For more information, contact Carolyn Cook, 434-476-7374, or Joani Layman, 434-476-7982.

Don't forget to bring food items for the "pantry shower." Collection boxes will be in the vestibule and fellowship hall.

Ministering at IMPACT VIRGINIA

Winn's Creek has agreed to help provide meals for the workers at one of the Impact VA work sites in Danville. We will need to provide food and drinks for 15 people at noon each day during **June 22-26**.

We are asking for folks to help provide food on any one of these days, or donate money to be used for this food. If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Jim or Cecelia know. Thanks!



'JOURNEY OFF THE MAP'

Cookout - July 5th - 5:00 p.m.

VBS Sessions - July 5-8 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday night, July 5th, with a 5 p.m. cookout at church, followed by regular VBS from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kids ages 3-18 are invited to share in the fun in this four-day Bible journey.

Several people have volunteered to help, but we still need helpers in a few areas. If you would like to help, please contact Kelly Henderson at 434-470-4114, or email to hendersonsx4@gmail.com.

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*Congratulations to
Danny and Cindy
(Nichols) Nelson, who
were married recently in Danville.*

*Congratulations to Lee and Lisa
Davis, who recently celebrated the
renewal of the wedding vows they took ten
years ago.*

Honor Your Father



**FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 21**



DRBA Focus Southside

The Dan River Baptist Association will hold another Focus Southside on September 26th of 2015.

The purpose of Focus Southside is for churches to reach out to people in need by helping with one day work projects. These could involve such things as simple repairs, painting, or cleaning – projects that can be completed in one day.

If approved, the association would provide the materials, and volunteers would do the work.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, let Pastor Jim know. If you know of someone needing help, there is an application that must be submitted before July 31st.



**Mike & Karen Laughorn
2178 Winn's Creek Rd.
Halifax VA 24558**

*We're so glad to have you as part of the Winn's
Creek Church family!*



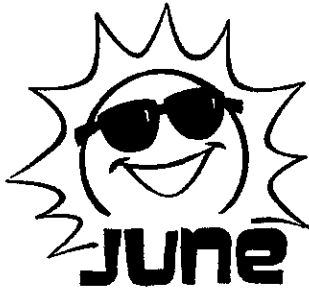
IT'S HOEDOWN TIME!

**Please join us for the 10th Annual
Hoedown on June 13th. We will begin with
the meal at 6:00 p.m.; open mike from 7-
8 p.m., DJ will start at 8 p.m.**

**Please bring a lawn chair and a side dish
or dessert if you want to. We look
forward to seeing you there. The
Hoedown address is 2034 Winn's Creek
Road, Halifax.**

**Garnett & Tammy Hall
& Family**

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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 Study
8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

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

Mon., June 1 7:00 p.m.

Sat., June 6 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sun., June 21

Deacons & Wives meet

BLOODMOBILE

Father's Day (no fellowship meal or evening church activities)

Mon.-Fri., June 22-26

Impact VA in Danville – we provide lunch meals for one team

PLAN AHEAD: VBS July 5 - 8