

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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The Pastor's Corner



A couple of weeks ago there was just enough snow for me to make a snowman advertising our Spring Revival. The snowman that I was able to make is

pictured above. It's been a tradition for me to make these snowmen, as we have had one for each of the last three years, all holding signs that had the dates of our upcoming revival services. I like the snowmen, and they serve as a reminder that even though we are surrounded by snow and cold, the hope of spring is always just around the corner.

This year, when I was making the snowman, it was extremely hard to get the chocolate whopper malt balls that I was using for the eyes and buttons to stay in the snow. (Growing up, I normally used coal from my grandfather's house...but, whoppers make a cheap and biodegradable replacement that is readily available). The problem was that the snow was mixed with sleet...so when I formed the head, it quickly froze...and I couldn't scratch into it deep enough with my fingers to make the eye sockets for the malt balls.

I ended up using my cordless drill with a huge drill bit. I had to drill into the snow and make eye holes, and then quickly fill them with the malt balls. It was a lot more work than I thought, and then two days later all that was left was a hat, a carrot, and a pile of whoppers.

We often experience a similar problem when we try to share the gospel with people. People's hearts are often hard. They can hear God's word, but it doesn't affect their lives.

Sometimes we try and drill it into them, but then they seem to just push us away. There are people that seem so cold and hard-hearted that it sometimes appears impossible for them to ever put their faith in Christ.

But just like on those snowy winter days, when it seems like it's never going to be warm again, eventually the sun begins to do its work, and springtime arrives. In a similar manner, the Holy Spirit can work on people's hearts, and sometimes those who were the furthest from God end up being amazing disciples. This is our hope for revival, that people's hearts would be open to the Gospel.

Pastor Jim

3 For in the past we were foolish, hard in heart, turned from the true way, servants of evil desires and pleasures, living in bad feeling and envy, hated

and hating one another. **4** But when the mercy of God our Savior, and his love to man was seen,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of his mercy, he gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit,

6 Which he gave us freely through Jesus Christ our Saviour; **7** So that, having been given righteousness through grace, we might have a part in the heritage, the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-7 (BBE)

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 2nd Richard Epps - B
Phil Saunders - B
- 5th Charles & Jackie Ingram - A
- 6th James & Debra Stewart - A
- 9th Debra Stewart - B
Shirley Duffey - B
Afton Ledyard - B
- 12th Chuck Conner - B
- 13th Happy Smith - B
- 15th Pam Paynter - B
- 18th Patricia Martin - B
- 19th Jennifer Dixon - B
- 20th Frank Moorefield - B
- 23rd Helen Barksdale - B
- 24th Cecilie Elliott - B
- 25th Zoe Talley - B
- 26th Jacob Fears - B
Trudy Epps - B
- 27th Rico Magnotto - B
Kalvin Smith - B
- 29th Wally Cole - B
- 30th Anthony Turner - B
Hannah Grace Lloyd - B
- 31st Tom Fears - B
James Henderson - B



You are invited to help celebrate the anticipated arrival of several babies in our church:

Nathan and Amelia (Saunders) Clements are expecting twin girls, and you are invited to a baby shower for them on Sunday, March 6th in the fellowship hall from 1:30-3:00 p.m. They are registered at Wal Mart and Target

Also, James and Kristine Ambrose are expecting a baby boy, and we are collecting shower gifts for Grandma Kathy to take for them to a family baby shower in Richmond. They are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Please give these gifts to John and Kathy Ambrose by Wednesday, March 11th.



Scottsburg and Fork Baptist Churches have invited anyone from Winn's Creek interested in singing in their combined choir for the GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE on Friday, March 25th, to come and practice with them. The combined choir will practice each Monday at 7 p.m. at Scottsburg Baptist Church, and the service will be on March 25th at Scottsburg Baptist Church, time to be determined.

NEXT BLOODMOBILE

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE!

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On Easter Sunday morning, (March 27) we will host the combined **Easter Sunrise Service** with Bethel Baptist Church. The service will begin here at Winn's Creek at **7:05 a.m.** (when the sun is scheduled to rise).

Pastor Greg Smith from

Bethel will be speaking. A light breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. Please make plans to attend.

Sunday School for all ages will be held at the usual time on Easter Sunday, beginning with opening assembly in the sanctuary at **9:45 a.m.**

During **morning worship at 11:00 a.m.**, the choir will present the **Easter cantata "No Cross, No Crown."** This beautiful musical work blends a variety of music – traditional, Celtic, gospel and contemporary – in a poignant Easter message which reminds us...**"The cross, that instrument of death, now becomes the symbol of life. And the crown, so magnificent, becomes the symbol of just how far God is willing to go to redeem us. If there is no cross, there is no crown."** (from the cantata's *Foreword* by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, and Rose Aspinall - ©2015 Universal Music – Brentwood Benson Publishing – Davishop Publishing). Come, worship and celebrate with us on Easter Sunday!

FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN MARCH & APRIL will be **breakfast** on Easter Sunday morning (March 27th) and a covered dish **Revival Lunch** on Sunday, April 17. Come join us!



Sunday, April 17 - Wednesday, April 20

Please mark your calendar for April 17-20 when we will have our **Spring Revival**. The guest speaker will be Dr. Don Fowler,



Professor of Biblical Studies at Liberty University. The revival will begin at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, April 17th which will be followed by a covered dish lunch. There will be no revival service on Sunday

evening, but we will have revival services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 18-20) beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

We hope you will invite a friend to join you in attending these inspirational services.

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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 – cantata practice

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00 p.m. Combined Men's & Women's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursdays (unless otherwise announced)

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

Sun., March 6 1:30-3 p.m. Baby Shower for Nathan & Amelia Clements
Thurs., March 10 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice
Thurs., March 24 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice
GOOD FRIDAY,
March 25 t.b.a. Combined Good Friday Service at Scottsburg Baptist Church
Sat., March 26 1:30 p.m. Cantata Practice (time is tentative at this point)
EASTER SUNDAY,
March 27 7:05 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
Following Light Breakfast – fellowship hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Easter Cantata "No Cross, No Crown"
NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY OR CHOIR PRACTICE TONIGHT

PLAN AHEAD

Sat., April 2 10 to 2 Red Cross Bloodmobile here
Mon., April 4 7:00 p.m. Deacons & Wives meet
Sun.- Wed., April 17-20 Spring Revival – 11 a.m. Sunday – 7 p.m. MTW