

# Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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## The Pastor's Corner

When I was growing up, my father would take me to *Three Rivers Stadium* about once or twice each summer to see a Pirates game. It was a special treat for the family. Of course, *Three Rivers Stadium* no longer exists--it was imploded back in February of 2011. The Pirates now play baseball at *PNC Park*. This makes me feel old!

However, it seems that history keeps repeating itself. When my father was young, he attended Pirates games at a place called *Forbes Field*. The last game at *Forbes Field* was on June 28<sup>th</sup> of 1970, over 6 years before I was born.<sup>1</sup>

I don't know how many of you know the story of what happened after that last game at Forbes Field, but I've been told it, and I'd like to share it with you.

After the last game, there was supposed to be a planned give-away and auction. In other words, some small things, perhaps numbers from the scoreboard, were to be given away in a raffle based on one's ticket seat number. After this, the larger remaining items were then to be auctioned off. It was to happen in an orderly manner. This was the plan.

But that's not what occurred. Instead, after the Pirates beat the Cubs 4-1, the fans in attendance immediately stormed onto the field and began "scavenging for anything that they could take as souvenirs."<sup>2</sup> In an attempt to calm the crowd and return them to order, the press box played the National Anthem. But even this didn't work. People scrambled around and tore the old stadium apart. The rest of it sat vacant until it was demolished about 2 years later.

What a sad ending for a place of history. Instead of an organized giveaway...there was just chaos and looting, as people took whatever they wanted. They did whatever they felt like at the time.

In the Old Testament, in the book of Judges, the Bible describes a time when the people of Israel had a similar attitude. The prophet Samuel described the situation like this,

*"In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes."*<sup>3</sup>

The Hebrew people had God's Law. But they broke it. In the book of Judges, history also kept repeating itself. God's people would break His Law and end up being oppressed by foreign enemies, and then God would send a deliverer, in the form of a judge. Time and again this happened.

When we turn to the New Testament, in Romans 5:6, Paul tells us that at just the right time, while we were still sinning, Christ came and died for us. Jesus delivered us from this never-ending cycle of sin. Because of this, we no longer have to be slaves to our emotions. We don't have to simply do whatever feels right. Instead, we can allow God to make us into new people, by changing the way we think and act.

Pastor Jim

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Facts/ForbesField.html>

<sup>2</sup> "After the Final Game at Forbes Field" Nellie King.

<sup>3</sup> Judges 17:6 NLT

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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please see Joani Layman.)

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

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Corda Nichols / Carla Kauffman  
The Woodland  
1135 Ocean Pkwy., Unit 304  
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### New Sunday Evening Bible Study

On Sunday, February 26, we will begin a new Sunday Evening Bible Study series on the book of Colossians, led by Evan Owen as part of his ministerial internship. This is a nine-week study, so it's a very short term commitment for folks with busy schedules. Please come join us on Sunday nights from 6-7 p.m.



*We extend our deepest sympathy to Pastor Jim and his mother, Judy Kopco Thurman, in the death of her husband, Charles Thurman, on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember Charles' family, as well as Judy's, in prayer during this time of loss.*

### SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH

**Mrs. Happy Smith**

**1216 River Rd., South Boston VA 24592  
434-572-3607**

*Please remember Happy with a card or a call (her birthday is March 13), and keep her in your prayers.*

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

We are just a few weeks into the Bible study on church history on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. It's a really good video series, and Pastor Jim leads us in a bit of Bible exploration & discussion, too.

Betty Ann Burton and Pat Riley are providing children's church at the same time as the Bible study, and also prepare a light meal for any of the families with children that want to come. The meal is at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up or see Betty Ann or Pat if you want to come, so they will know how much to prepare.

The adult choir practices on Wednesday nights from 8-9 p.m. Come join in the fun!!

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### IT'S LASER TAG AGAIN!

On **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**, anyone interested in playing laser tag is asked to meet at the World of Sports in South Boston at **2:30 p.m.** It is \$10 to play 2 games of Laser Tag. Almost anyone of any age can play. It is **REALLY** exciting. Come out and have some fun with us!

### VISIONING WITH DRBA!

On Tuesday, March 14, from 7-8:00 p.m., the leadership of the Dan River Baptist Association will host a regional vision meeting in the fellowship hall at Winn's Creek Baptist Church.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain the current ministries and opportunities available within the Association, and to talk about and brainstorm ideas for future ministries.

If you are interested in knowing what the Association currently offers—or if you have an idea that multiple churches could possibly work on together—please make plans to attend.

### BENEFIT SONG SERVICE for Scotty & Melissa Fears

**Saturday, March 18 – 7 p.m.**  
**Winn's Creek Baptist Church**

Featuring The Stewarts & other singing groups  
& individuals

*A love offering will be taken to help the Fears' with medical & legal expenses for the surrogate pregnancy they hope to pursue.*

### NEXT BLOODMOBILE AT WINN'S CREEK

**Saturday, April 1**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

To donate or help, contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982. To schedule your own donation appointment online, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter WCBC as the sponsor code in the top right corner ("Give Blood. Find a Blood Drive."). On the next screen you will see information about our church and the blood donation options. If you don't already have an account, you will need to create one, but it's a pretty easy process. Having an appointment for giving blood will save you time and it will help the Red Cross know how much staff to provide for the drive.

### OUR SPRING REVIVAL!



**Sunday April 23 –**  
**Wednesday, April 26**

Pastor Ken Warfield (Fork Baptist Church) will be guest speaker for the Sunday morning (11 a.m.) and evening (7 p.m.) services. On Sunday evening, April 23, we will have desserts in the fellowship hall after the revival service is over.

Pastor David Hanks (Mulberry Baptist Church) will speak at our Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night services, all at 7 p.m.

More information, pictures and biographical information on our speakers will be published in the April newsletter.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sundays** (unless otherwise announced)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (practicing Easter cantata "For the Sake of Love")

### **Wednesdays** (unless otherwise announced)

6:30 p.m. Supper for children/families coming for Children's Church  
 7:00 p.m. Church History - DVD/Bible Study (for men & women)  
 Children's Church provided for children  
 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### **Thursdays**

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

Mon., March 6	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' & Wives' meetings
Thurs., March 9	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team practice
Sun., March 12	2:30 p.m.	Meet at World of Sports for LASER TAG!
Tues., March 14	7 – 8:00 p.m.	DRBA Visioning Mtg – here
Sat., March 18	7:00 p.m.	Benefit Song Service for Scotty & Melissa Fears
Thurs., March 23	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team practice



### **PLAN AHEAD –**

Sat., April 1	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Bloodmobile
Sun., April 2	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship / Lord's Supper
Easter Sunday, April 16	(11 a.m.)	Easter Cantata during morning worship
Fri., April 21	6 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	–Secret Church Simulcast
Sun., April 23	11:00 a.m.	Spring Revival begins – Rev. Ken Warfield speaking today
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Revival continues - Please bring a dessert to share after the evening service tonight
Mon., April 24	7:00 p.m.	Spring Revival – Rev. David Hanks speaking
Tues., April 25	7:00 p.m.	Spring Revival – Rev. David Hanks speaking
Wed., April 26	7:00 p.m.	Spring Revival concludes – Rev. David Hanks speaking



We will have a dedication service sometime in **May** for infants and small children and their families. Please see Pastor Jim for details.