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The weather has been quite crazy the last couple of weeks! I'm glad that it appears that everyone has gotten their power back. It's times like this when we realize how blessed we are to have running water and working electricity.

With this in mind, I'd like to share a prayer from Douglas Kaine McKelvey's book, "Every Moment Holy". It is called, "A Liturgy for the Loss of Electricity".

O Christ, who first spoke light into darkness, and who, in later days, came to dwell among us as the light of the world.

Be to us now that true light.

Be to us that true light even as we pause here in this sudden and unexpected darkness.

Shape our hearts, O Spirit of God, as we pause in this brief absence of blessings so often taken for granted –

Blessings of illumination, of lamps and lights, of refrigeration, of appliances and digital devices, of climate control and hot water.

We thank You for these many comforts and conveniences we enjoy.

For You, O Lord, imagined and designed the very physics by which electrons flow and by which their currents might be harnessed and channeled toward these useful ends.

You are the King of all creation.

You created the chemistry and the physics of all power sources, that they might be useful tools when humanely plied, making labor more fruitful, abating the toil and misery of many, establishing greater margins for rest and relationship, and making possible the flourishing of peoples and cultures.



Glory to you, Lord Christ, We praise You for these hidden mercies.

We praise You even as we pray You would cultivate in us a vigilant thankfulness, that these comforts we enjoy would never numb us to our deep need for you.

In love, deliver us from all delusions of self-sufficiency, O Lord.

Use even little deprivations, like this loss of power, to reorient our hearts to the all-sufficient Christ, reminding us that we are not dependent upon comforts or conveniences for anything that truly matters.

You are our everything, Lord Jesus.

You are with us in times of plenty, and in times of want.

You are with us in seasons of comfort and in seasons of discomfort.

You are with us in ease and in hardship as well. You are present with us in darkness as You are in light.

You are near to us when the electricity is on, and when it is off.

So make of us a pilgrim people, whose hearts are freed to face, with joy intact, any deprivation along this journey.

Confident that even in losing all comforts, we still have You.

Confident that in losing all things, we have lost nothing of eternal value, for all our treasures are hid guarded in You.

We thank You for this moment without electricity – a moment in which to remember that all blessings are gifts, that all good things are expressions of grace, and that You, no matter our circumstances, are with us always, and will never leave us or forsake us.

Even now, O Lord, shine into our darkness.
Even now, O Spirit, lead us into that light.
Even now, O Father, let Your love illuminate our lives.

Let it be our bright and guiding beacon.
Let it be the lam of our eternal joy. Amen.

Special Services/Meetings

April 4th, 2021 **Easter Sunrise Serv.**

April 5th, 2021 **Deacons' Meeting**

April 25th, 2021 **Business Meeting**

Winn's Creek Continues to have a number of Sunday service options.

- Sanctuary service with masks and social distancing.
- A more casual service in the fellowship hall with video from the sanctuary and a new kids coloring lesson and bulletin each week.
- Parking lot service. You can hear the service on 88.1FM on your car radio in the parking lot.
- Online at www.winncreek.org



PLEASE VOTE!

As of now, our governor's order limiting church services to one service a week is set to expire at the end of FEBRUARY. However, as of now, the leaders of our state association are recommending churches wait until EARLY FALL to resume regular activities. The deacons' would like to know your opinion. They would like to know if you want us to start back to Sunday School as soon as possible in March, or would you rather the church be cautious and wait to resume normal church activities the Sunday after Labor Day. Please pick up a survey card in the vestibule or outside and fill it out with your choice. The cards need to be placed in the boxes by Sunday, February 28th.



Easter Sunrise Service, Drive-in Style
Sunday, April 4th at 6:45AM

Winn's Creek & Bethel Baptist will continue the tradition of having a combined Easter Sunrise Service. It's going to look a little bit different this year. This year, it will be a drive in service...folks can stay in their cars and listen to the service on their radio on 88.1FM. Pastor Kevin Moen from Bethel will be our guest speaker. Special Music TBA. Please come out and celebrate the Resurrection with us. (There will be no breakfast after the service this year).



BIG PRAISE

April 7th is the 7 year anniversary of Bill Murphy's lung transplant. We are so thankful that he is doing well!



SONG SERVICE

The Stewarts & The Preacher Boys will be singing at 5PM on Sat. March 27th at Grace Baptist Church. They will be streaming this service live on the Grace Baptist Church Facebook page.



Pastor Jim would just like to say thank you to everyone who stayed to help pack the gift bags for distribution at the hospital. They were taken to the hospital on Feb. 26th to be passed out to the workers. Thanks so much!

If you have a birthday that you would like included in the newsletter, please text Pastor Jim



Mini Choirs

To practice safe social distancing... Winn's Creek is going to split the choir into three groups. The three choir groups will practice on Wed. nights at 6:30PM. Participants will only need to come each third Wednesday that their group practices. If you'd like to sing in one of our new mini choirs, please let Carolyn know.

The groups are as follows:

Choir 1: James & Debra, Jim & Julie, Mike & Pat, Pat & Betty, & Devin.

Choir 2: Larry & Joani, Danny & Cecelia, Trudy, Jim & Julie, & Devin.

Choir 3: Mike & Pat, James & Debra, Larry & Joani, Pat & Betty, Jim & Julie, & Trudy.

The schedule is as follows:

Choir Number	Rehearsal date	Service date
2	Mar.10; Mar.17	Mar. 21
3	Apr. 7; Apr. 14	Apr. 18
1	May 5; May 12	May 16
2	June 9; June 16	June 20
3	Jul. 7; Jul. 14	July 18
1	Aug. 4; Aug. 11	Aug. 15
2	Sept.8; Sept.15	Sep. 19
3	Oct. 6; Oct. 13	Oct. 17
1	Nov. 10; Nov.17	Nov. 21
2	Dec. 8, Dec. 15	Dec. 19

In addition to the mini-choirs, we still need people to volunteer for special music. Please see Carolyn if you would like to sing. Thank You.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Richard Epps – B
Phil Saunders – B
- 5th Charles & Jackie Ingram – A
- 6th James & Debra Stewart – A
- 9th Afton Ledyard – B
Debra Stewart – B
Shirley Duffey – B
- 12th Chuck Conner – 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 CalvinSmith – B
- 29th Wally Cole – B
- 30th Anthony Turner – B
Hannah Grace Lloyd – B
- 31st Tom Fears – B
James Henderson – B



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd Sarah Lloyd - B
- 4th Tony Turner – B
- 7th Eddie D. Martin, Jr. – B
- 8th Wanda Saunders – B
- 9th Kelly Henderson – B
- 11th Ann B. Fears – B
Pat Spencer – B
- 13th Jason Dickerson – B
- 15th George & Billie Jean Baylous – A
Mitzi Gunn – B
- 17th Brenda Ashby – B
- 18th David Shiner – B
Eddie D. Martin – B
- 19th Buster Dawson – B
Jonathan Hudson – B
- 20th Darryl Dawson – B
Joshua Cook – B
- 24th Betty Dickerson – B
Michelle Epps – B
David & Michelle Epps – A
- 25th Owen Satterfield – B
- 26th Eddie & Patricia Martin – B
- 27th Samantha M. Rather – B
- 28th Bill & Kathleen Murphy – A