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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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About two weeks ago I finally figured out an easier way to put moving backgrounds on the slides that we use to display the words of the worship songs sung by our Praise Team. We have used motion backgrounds in the past, but we've been using *Microsoft Powerpoint 2010* software to do so. This version of *Powerpoint* can display motion backgrounds, but the process for using those backgrounds usually involved inserting the video file on each slide individually, and then resizing and looping the video. It was quite a tedious process.

There was also an additional problem with the software. After you inserted the video file and set it to loop correctly on each slide...when you tried to display the result - sometimes the video would get hung up or the computer would freeze during the presentation. I went online, and other people were having the same problem. One person had come up with a workaround by simply inserting the video to one master slide, and then making each text item appear and disappear on that slide. But editing the words in this way is quite challenging as well.



So I was looking on a message board, and another person came up with an ingenious solution that never crossed my mind. He said, "Convert the .wmv or .mp4 video files that you want to use as Powerpoint backgrounds into animated .gif files. Then you can simply use the format background command to place that video as a background...hit apply to all, and the motion video will automatically play across the slides."

I tried what he suggested. I went online and used a free video converter called *Convertio* to change a .wmv file into a .gif. Then I went back into *Powerpoint* and inserted the motion file as basically a picture background. Tada!!! It worked almost perfectly. The video sometimes still resets between slides, but you can insert the video just to one slide as a background, hit apply to all just as if it were a still picture, and the

motion video continues throughout the rest of the slides.

But now I had a new problem. It takes a long time to upload and download video...and I have about 50 motion videos to make into slide backgrounds. Fortunately, I found a \$5 software program that would do the conversion for me. The new obstacle with this, is that this software could only convert one video at a time...so I basically spent half of a day manually converting video files into .gif files so we could use them in our worship song backgrounds at church.

Who would have thought that simply changing the file format would allow one to use a motion video as a background? There are all kinds of ways to save video files on a computer. There are .mov files, .wmv files, .api files, and more. But unless you convert the file into a .gif file, unless it's converted to **that specific format**...Powerpoint 2010 won't let you set a video file as a background. But if you convert all of those other types of video files into .gifs, they work just fine.

It's the conversion that makes the files usable! The same thing applies to us today as Christians. A lot of the things that we hold dear: church attendance, giving, and faithfulness. These things make sense to us because we've already been converted...we've already come to Christ. But these things don't make sense to the unsaved world. Paul puts it this way in 1 Corinthians 2:14, he says,

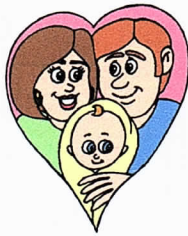
...People who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means 1 Cor 2:14 (NLT)

So when we see someone that is caught up in sin - we need to remember; often they don't know any better because they've never been converted. They've never come to faith in Christ. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit convicts their heart and they turn to God and accept Him. For us to be useful, we first have to be converted. – Pastor Jim.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th

Winn's Creek Baptist Church would like to thank all of our mothers for what they do. Every mother that attends our Mother's Day service will be given a free scripture rock! We hope to see you there!



Baby Dedication is Sunday, May 19th

Our child dedication service is an opportunity for parents to make a commitment to bringing their children up in the Christian faith.

It also is an opportunity for all of us as a church body to make a commitment to pray for each child and their parents, and to commit to helping them in any way we can. The following children will be dedicated on May 19th:

Jenna Lee Ambrose

Jenna is the daughter of Amanda & Joey Ambrose

EllaJean Dianne Clark

EllaJean is the daughter of Samantha & David Clark



You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Evan Owen and Maria Ulmer on Sunday, May 19th, from 1:30-3:00PM in the fellowship hall. Maria and Evan are registered at Amazon, Target, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond, or you may consider a gift card or cash gift.



National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2nd

There will be a prayer service at 7PM at the Halifax County High School.



Graduation Recognition is Sunday, June 2nd

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be recognizing the following graduates:

Cecilie Elliott

Cecilie graduated from Longwood University on May 18th, 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She plans to continue her education at Longwood by getting her Masters in Business Administration and she will be taking the MCAT at the end of June.

Courtney Dawn Epps

Courtney is graduating from Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science.

Jay Edward Francisco

Jay graduated from Halifax Community High School and plans to go to college majoring in Pre-Med.

Tyler Hudson

Tyler is graduating from Halifax Community High School. He will be serving on a workcrew for a *Younglife* camp this summer. He plans to attend Southside Community College in the fall and major in Information Technology. He hopes to work at *Microsoft*.

Meghan Talley

Meghan Talley, daughter of Stephanie Talley and granddaughter of George & Billie Jean Baylous, graduated from Shenandoah University in December of 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She will walk on the 18th of May to receive her degree.

Revival!

Sunday June 2nd – Wed. June 5th

Please mark your calendar for June 2nd through June 5th, when Winn's Creek Baptist Church will have our Spring Revival. The Revival will begin at the 11AM service on Sunday, June 2nd.

There will be no evening service or choir practice on that Sunday evening, but we WILL have revival services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (June 2nd – 5th), beginning at 7PM each night.



Our revival speaker will be Dr. Don Fowler, professor of Biblical Studies at Liberty University since 1998. In addition to his having pastored several churches – including the campus church at Liberty University from 2000-2002 – Dr. Fowler's writings have been published in various Bible commentaries and dictionaries.



Fellowship Meal is June 2nd

There will be a fellowship meal on Sunday, June 2nd to both honor our graduates and help kickoff our revival services. Please bring your favorite dish and make plans to stay for lunch after the morning service.



Deacon & Deacon Wives' meeting is Sun. June 3rd

Our next deacon & deacon wives' meeting is Sunday, June 3rd.



Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be honoring all of our fathers on Sunday, June 16th. All of the fathers in attendance will receive a free gift. Please make plans to attend.



Be watching the bulletin for more updates on the days and times for our Vacation Bible School this year.



NEW ADDRESS

MARK & MARY OWEN
12363 ASHLAND MILL RD
KING GEORGE VA 22485



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1st Wally & Cindy Cole – A
- 3rd Devin Hall – B
- 4th Ricky Loftis – B
- Beth Gassen – B
- 5th Leatha Dalton – B
- 6th Nicholas Grove – B
- 8th Tom & Vivian Sweeting – A
- 10th Stephanie Talley – B
- 12th Amy & Kyle Ledyard – A
- 13th Luther Conner – B
- Savannah Dawson – B
- 14th Charles Ingram – B
- 17th Madisyn Paige Henderson – B
- David & Samantha Clark – A
- 18th Matt & Mitzi Gunn – A
- Monica Conner – B
- 21st Wayne & Kitty Holt – A
- 22nd Tommy & Pam Paynter – A
- 24th Larry Layman – B
- Garnett & Tammy Hall – A
- 28th Barbara Satterfield – B
- 29th Vickie Loftis – B

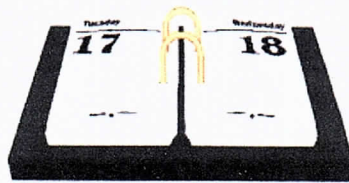


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- 1st Carolyn Cook Landrum – B
- Darrell & Stephanie Elliott – A
- 3rd Kaitlyn Claiborne – B
- 4th Dwight Dawson – B
- 6th C.J. Claiborne – B
- P.J. Saunders – B
- 7th Joey Ambrose – B
- 10th Larry & Joani Layman – A
- 13th Stover Owen – B
- 16th Dakota Pyle – B
- 19th Seth Elliott – B
- 20th Larry Wayne Fears – 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

WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

9:45AM Opening Assembly/Sunday School

11:00AM Morning Worship

6:00PM Adult Bible Study on Exodus

7:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00PM Bible Study (*Heaven Series*)

8:00PM Adult Choir

- May 2nd National Day of Prayer
- May 12th Mother's Day
- May 19th Baby Dedication Sunday
- June 2nd Graduate Recognition Sunday
- June 2nd Fellowship Meal
- June 2nd – 5th Revival Services
- June 3rd Deacon & Deacon Wives' Meeting
- June 16th Father's Day

VBS DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED, PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN