



WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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In a NBC news poll taken on April 17th, Eighty-two percent of the respondents said that America is divided rather than united. And most people feel the problem is getting worse.

We live in a society that is becoming increasingly isolated. Some of this is because of the pandemic. Due to concerns over health, people have stopped gathering as often. This is understandable.

But much of our social isolation began before covid19. Social media and electronic communication have been gradually replacing much of our face to face interaction.

What started out as a novel way of sharing experiences with friends has turned into an echo chamber where people with like values argue against those who dare disagree.

Furthermore, even if arguments are avoided, there's something missing with electronic correspondence. Eric Klineburg, put it like this, he said, *"For most of us, Facebook friends and Instagram followers are supplements to – not surrogates for – our social lives. As meaningful as friendships we establish online can be, most of us are unsatisfied with virtual ties that never develop into face-to-face relationships. Building real connections requires a shared physical environment – a social infrastructure."*

I think what Eric says is true. Part of the problem that's making the division worse is the fact we've been so isolated for so long.

The Bible tells us we were meant for community. The wise Solomon once wrote, *"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT).

As Christians, we know that God designed us to live in community. Lord willing, as the pandemic draws to a close, this should help us come together.

However, there are still many things that separate us. People often divide themselves based on race, sex, or social status. But this isn't the way God designed things to be.

The problem is folks are looking to the wrong place for the answers. They think that if they just elect the right political leader, then he or she will be able to "fix things" and bring everyone together.

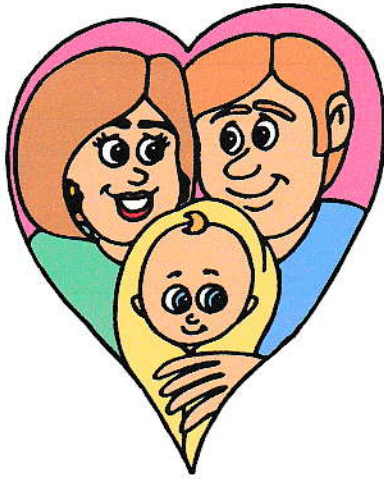
BUT IT JUST DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY! This is nothing new. Back in the Old Testament, the Jewish people asked the Prophet Samuel to anoint them a king, so that they could be like the other nations.

In 1st Samuel chapter 8, The Prophet warned the people of Israel, he said, *"This is how a king will reign over you...he will draft your sons in his army. He will take your daughters and force them to cook for him. He will take away the best of your fields and give them to his own officials. He will take a tenth of your grain and your flocks, and you will be his slaves. When that day comes, you will beg for relief from the king you're demanding, but the Lord will not help you."*

The people came back to the prophet Samuel and told him they wanted a king anyway, despite God's warning. The prophet was depressed. God told Samuel, **"Do everything they say, for they are rejecting me, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer."** (1st Samuel 8:7 NLT).

The Jews rejected their true king for one they could see. The truth is, Jesus Christ is the only person who can truly bring us unity. In Galatians 3:26-28, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus...There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

We are all one in Christ. When we reject Him, we reject the only one who can truly bring us together. We're in danger of making the same mistake the Hebrew people made all over again. – Pastor Jim.



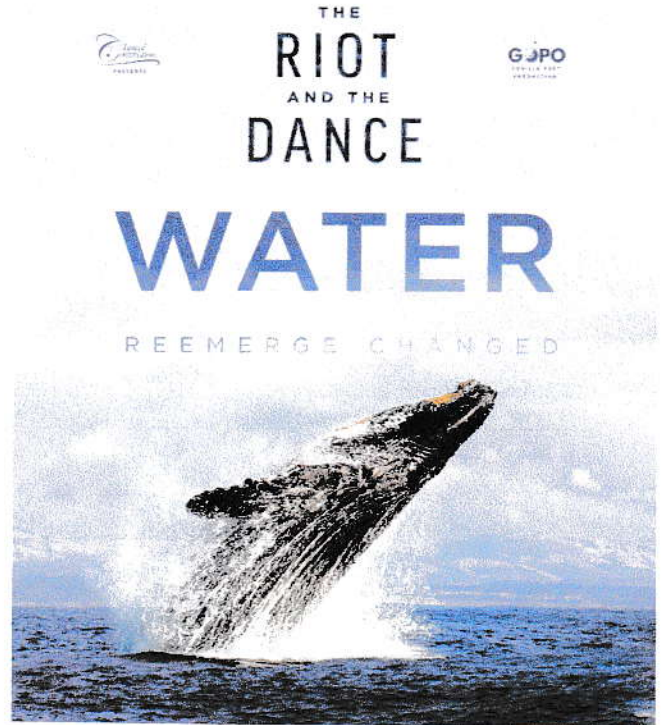
BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will have a baby dedication service on Mother's Day (May 9th) during the 10:30AM morning service.

Baby Dedication involves a promise made by the parents to raise their children up in the Lord. The congregation then promises to help the parents in this endeavor.

If you would like to have your child included in this baby dedication service, please contact Pastor Jim by MONDAY, MAY 3rd if you have not already done so. Thanks.

**MOVIE NIGHT SUN. MAY 16th at 6PM
IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY.**



Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be showing the second installment of Dr. Gordon Wilson video series, "Riot and the Dance: Water" on Sunday, May 16th at 6PM. This is the sequel to "The Riot and the Dance: Earth". These videos are similar to Disney's "Planet Earth" but from a creationist perspective.



BABY SHOWER

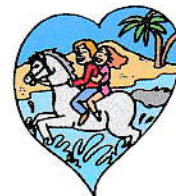
There will be a floating baby shower for Kyree & Tori McCargo on Sunday, May 23rd from 2-4PM at the house of Phyllis Dawson (5136 Clays Mill Rd. Scottsburg, VA).

The shower will take place outside. There will be disposable plastic gloves at the food table. Kyree & Tori are registered at Walmart & Amazon.



GIDEON SPEAKER

Winn's Creek will be hosting a guest Gideon speaker during our morning service on Sunday, May 23rd. There will be special love offering envelopes provided. Please support their ministry of Bible distribution around the world.



Pastor Jim & Julie will be on vacation the week of May 23rd. If you need a visit in the hospital please contact the switchboard and ask for a chaplain. If you need Jim right away please call his cell (434) 222-9688. Thanks!



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be having Graduation Recognition during the morning service on Sunday, June 13th. If you know of anyone graduating this year, whether from highschool, college, or a trade school, please let pastor Jim know no later than June 2nd. Thanks!



SHARE YOUR WELL WISHES

Larry & Joani Layman will soon be moving to the Staunton, VA area. Please share your well wishes with them after the morning service on Sunday, June 20th.



SONG SERVICE

"The Preacher Boys" and other musical guests will be singing in a song service here at Winn's Creek on Sunday, July 11th at 6PM.



FIREWORKS

Pastor Jim will be setting off some small home fireworks on Sunday, July 4th at 9PM. You are welcome to bring a lawnchair and watch!



Chalktalk Gospel Message

Sunday evening, July 25th at 6PM, Chalk Evangelist Dwight Haynes and his wife, Ann, will be at Winn's Creek. We will have an outdoor service (weather permitting...otherwise we will move it into the sanctuary) that evening. Dwight was friends with the late Rev. Van Moore who has done chalktalks in the past at Winn's Creek. Dwight also plays accordion, and he and his wife sing. They will be doing a special evening service on July 25th. A love offering will be collected.

BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting scheduled for July 25th will be moved to August 1st at 6PM.

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.winns creek.org



Mini Choirs

The Mini Choirs continue to practice.

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
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

Also, we will continue to need people to sing special music, so please let Carolyn know if you'd like to sing!



Pastor Jim would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during his mom's illness and also his wisdom tooth removal. Thanks!!!



We continue to share prayer requests each Wednesday night around 7PM. If you have a prayer request that you'd like shared, please let Pastor Jim know. (Please make sure to get permission from the person you'd like us to pray for before you share the request. Thanks!)

Joseph Young



SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 22nd

On Sunday, August 22nd during the 10:30AM morning service, Joseph Young, a Christian Illusionist, will be presenting the Gospel during the morning service. This will be an outdoor service, weather permitting...so please bring a lawn chair. A love offering will be taken for Joseph's ministry, special envelopes will be provided. This is a great family event...please invite your friends to see this Gospel presentation. The Winn's Creek Praise team will also be singing.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 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
Israel*
- 17th Madisyn Paige Henderson – B
David & Samantha Clark – A
- 18th Matt & Mitzi Gunn – A
Monica Conner – B
- 22nd Tommy & Pam Paynter – A
- 24th Larry Layman – B
Garnett & Tammy Hall – A
- 28th Barbara Satterfield – B
- 29th Vickie Loftis – B



**On May 14th, 1948 the rebirth of the state of Israel came to pass (Isaiah 66:8) (Luke 21:21). In June 1967 Jerusalem was reunited under Jewish leadership for the first time in 2,00 years with Israel's victory in the six-day war."
-Jerusalem Countdown – John Hagee
-shared by Betty Burton



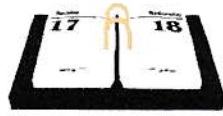
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- 1st Carolyn Cook Landrum – B
Darrell & Stephanie Elliott – A
- 3rd Kaitlyn Claiborne – B
Rob & Brandi Abbott - A
- 4th Dwight Dawson – B
- 6th C.J. Claiborne – B
P.J. Saunders – B
- 7th Joey Ambrose – B
- 10th Larry & Joani Layman – A
- 13th Stover 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



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ADDED TO OUR NEWSLETTER LIST, PLEASE LET PASTOR JIM KNOW! THANK YOU!

WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

10:30AM Morning Worship

Select Wednesdays

7:00PM Mini Choir

Select Thursdays

7:30PM Praise Team Practice

- May 9th Mothers' Day & Baby Dedication 10:30AM
- May 16th "Riot & Dance: Water" Movie 6:00PM
- May 23rd Gideon Speaker 10:30AM
McCargo Baby Shower 2-4PM @ Phyllis' house
Jim and Julie begin vacation
- June 13th Graduation Recognition 10:30AM
- June 20th Larry & Joani Well wishes after 10:30AM service
- July 4th 9PM Small Fireworks @ church-bring lawnchair
- July 11th Song Service "The Preacher Boys" and others!
- July 25th 6PM Dwight Haynes chaktalk (outside)
- August 1st Quarterly Business Meeting
- August 22nd 10:30AM (Outside) Illusionist Joseph Young