

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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November-December 2016

The Pastor's Corner

The presidential election is upon us! During the presidential debates, both of the major parties' candidates have talked about making America great. One candidate, quoting Alexis de Tocqueville, said, "America is great, because America is good." But the candidate didn't share the quote in its entire context. If we include the words before and after the "America is great, because America is good," Mr. Alexis de Tocqueville said,

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Mr. de Tocqueville said that America is good because...her pulpits flame with righteousness. America is good because it is a place where God's Word is taught and believed. That is what makes America good. If this stops happening, America will cease to be good. This makes all the difference in the world. Literally!

There is a sociologist named Robert Woodberry who was trying to find out why some countries had democracies which recognized basic human rights while other countries struggled. What he found was that places where there were formerly Protestant missionaries, the strongest democracies later developed.

He concluded,

"Areas where Protestant missionaries had a significant presence in the past are on average more economically developed today, with comparatively better health, lower infant mortality, lower corruption, greater literacy, higher

educational attainment (especially for women), and more robust membership in nongovernmental associations." (Christianity Today, Jan./Feb. 2014, "The Surprising Discovery About Those Colonialist, Proselytizing Missionaries")

Missionaries in the 19th century changed the countries in which they worked, always for the better, no matter where they were sent. It's a sociological fact.

How does this relate to politics? C.S. Lewis said that the best way to influence the culture around you is to reach people for Christ. He put it this way:

"Nonconformity has influenced modern English history not because there was a Nonconformist Party but because there was a nonconformist conscience which all parties had to take into account...He who converts his neighbor has performed the most practical Christian-political act of all." (C.S. Lewis, "God in the Dock")

So if you really want to change the culture, what should you do? You should reach the people for Christ.

Pastor Jim.

18 *Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.*

19 *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

20 *Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1st Tammy Hall – B
- 2nd Chad Lloyd – B
- 3rd Lisa Davis – B
- 6th Alayna Turner – B
- 9th Duane Murphy – B
Tara Holzclaw – B
- 12th Jenny Cole – B
- 13th Kristie Claiborne – B
- 14th Bruce Riley – B
- 18th Meghan Talley – B
- 19th Brittany Cole – B
Jim Kopco – B
- 21st Eugene Montgomery – B
Patricia Smith – B
- 23rd Inez Baylous – B
- 24th James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
- 25th Corda Nichols – B
Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A



December

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Christie Clayton – B
- 2nd Kim & Joe Martin – A
Jay Henderson – B
- 6th Audrey Dawson – B
- 7th George Baylous – B
- 9th Evan Owen – B
- 10th John Ambrose, Jr. – B
- 12th Hollis Owen – B
Mike Plainte – B
Jordan Wade – B
- 15th Danny & Cecelia Owen – A
- 16th Jim & Julie Kopco – A
Ray & Deborah Montgomery – A
- 17th Ronnie Smith – B
- 20th John & Kathy Ambrose – A
- 21st Amy Layman Ledyard – B
- 22nd Sonny Dickerson – B
Cindy Nichols Nelson – B
Holly Conner – B
- 23rd Richard & Trudy Epps – A
- 26th Howard Overstreet – B
- 30th Kelly Ingram – B

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, NOV. 6th at 6:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving
Worship

**Scottsburg Baptist Church
will host the Community
Thanksgiving Service on
Sunday, November 20, at 7:00
p.m.** We will join Bethel, Fork,

and Scottsburg Baptist Churches, with pastors and music groups participating from all the churches. It should be a lovely service, and refreshments are usually provided afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be doing Christmas cards again this year for those in the local church family. In order for cards to go out by Christmas, they will need to be in the box in the vestibule no later than Friday, December 16th, so we can get them sorted out and ready to give to you on December 18th. (Christmas falls on a Sunday this year.) Please do not print addresses on your cards - we don't mail them for you! And please don't bring them all at the last minute. Thanks! - Billie Jean

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Winn's Creek is again doing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes - but we are doing them a little differently this year.



Instead of filling up your individual boxes, we will purchase items and have a "Packing Party" at church on Friday, November 4th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will pack the shoeboxes together!

In the vestibule, there are copies of a list of suggested items which need to be purchased. Please pick up a list and then go and purchase items as you wish. Once you have purchased the items, please list what you have on the spreadsheet posted on the church bulletin board. Bring your items with you on Nov. 4th (or you can bring them to church on Wednesday night, Nov. 2nd) and we will pack the items together. This will be a great way for everyone to take part in Operation Christmas Child. Our church goal is to assemble 100 boxes, so please be generous as you purchase items. See Cecelia Owen for further information.



Again this year we will be using "donated" poinsettias to decorate the church at the Hanging of the Greens and throughout the Advent season.

You may order a red or white poinsettia, wrapped in green foil with a bow, in honor or memory of a friend or loved one, and these names will be listed in the church bulletin. **The cost is \$9.50 for each poinsettia**, and you may take your poinsettia home after worship on December 18th or on Christmas Day, if you wish.

*Please give your order, names for memorials or honorariums, and payment to Barbara Satterfield by Sunday, November 20. Checks should be made payable to **Winn's Creek Baptist Church**, with the memo: **Poinsettia**.*



The Hanging of the Greens service will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. We will collect our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at this time.

Volunteers are needed to read parts of the service; see Pastor Jim if you are willing to help.

Worship with us as we decorate the church in celebration of Christ's coming. After the service, we will have a time of fellowship with light snacks. The Social Committee will provide punch, and **we ask everyone to bring some holiday "finger foods" to share.** (Choir members will have cantata practice in the sanctuary after refreshments.)

Important Note: We will be getting the decorations out and placing most of them on **Saturday, November 26th, at 1 p.m.** If you could come help us get the church ready for the Hanging of the Greens service, it would be appreciated!

DECEMBER CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

As we approach the holiday season, we ask that all our members open their hearts and wallets to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items and place them in the large cardboard box inside the front entrance to the sanctuary, and/or bring them to the Holiday Meal.



We will be collecting this food in December until the Sunday before Christmas. Anne Jones and Billie Jean Baylous (who used to head up the food ministry in our church) will see that your food gifts are boxed up and taken to several needy families in our area.

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HOLIDAY MEAL

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m.**, when we will be having the **Holiday Meal at the church.** The meal will include:

Christmas Dinner

- Ham
- Turkey with dressing and gravy
- Green Beans
- Creamed potatoes
- Yams
- Rolls
- Desserts
- Beverages

We would like to ask the ladies of the church if you would make a dessert for us. We also ask that you bring some canned foods that we can use to fix the boxes for those in need like we did last year.

There is no set price for the Holiday Meal, just a donation to the church. We look forward to a good time of fellowship with you all.

*In Christian Love,
The Social Committee*

P.S. There will be no Third Sunday Fellowship Meal in November or December.



Congratulations to Kyle and Amy (Layman) Ledyard, whose second daughter, Adia Renae, was born on October 13th. Adia weighed 7 pounds and was 19" long, and "big sister Afton" is fascinated by her.

We also rejoice with Josh and Samantha (Martin) Rather in the arrival of their baby girl, Savannah Maria, born on October 26th, weighing 7 lb. 7 oz., 21" long.

YOUNG ADULT II CLASS (taught by James Stewart & Larry Layman)

We plan to put together holiday cookie bags for the church shut-ins, as we did last year.



Class members who are willing to help are asked to **bring approximately 3 dozen small-to-medium-sized cookies (homemade or store bought, bagged 3 per snack bag or sandwich bag) to class on Sunday, DECEMBER 11th.**

We will assemble an assortment of cookies in gift bags to take to the shut-ins whom we usually remember at Christmas and at other times during the year.

When the sheet is passed around in class, **please sign up to indicate which type of cookies you think you will bring.** We will also have a sign-up sheet in class for delivering these to our church shut-ins.



Our Christmas cantata for 2016 is "**Joy! A Suite for Christmas**" and it is just as

happy as the name implies. Our choir—and occasionally we are joined by musicians from our extended church family—will practice for months before we present this during morning worship as our musical Christmas gift to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, **we will present our cantata on Sunday, December 18, during morning worship which begins at 11:00 a.m.**

We hope you will join us in worship and rejoicing as we celebrate the birth of our King.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Joanne Sinning Burton
September 19, 1946 - October 13, 2016

New Address

Drew Hall
5402 Gerome Place
Wilmington NC 28412

Thank you --for supporting the Red Cross BLOODMOBILE at Winn's Creek Baptist Church. Our drive on October 29th will complete 12 years of Bloodmobile sponsorship, and Lord willing, many more years—and lives saved—are ahead of us!

2017 BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULE AT WINN'S CREEK

Saturday, January 7
Saturday, April 1
Saturday, June 3
Saturday, August 5
Saturday, October 7

We look forward to working with you at the Bloodmobiles in 2017, in this vital ministry of caring. For more information about blood donations, visit the Red Cross website at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>. To volunteer or schedule a Bloodmobile appointment, call Joani Layman, 434-476-7982.



JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA

- ❖ Santa lives at the North Pole; **Jesus is everywhere.**
- ❖ Santa rides in a sleigh; **Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.**
- ❖ Santa comes but once a year; **Jesus is an ever present help.**
- ❖ Santa comes down your chimney uninvited; **Jesus stands at your door and knocks.**
- ❖ Santa makes you stand in line to see him; **Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.**
- ❖ Santa lets you sit on his lap; **Jesus lets you rest in His arms.**
- ❖ Santa asks, 'Little boy, little girl, what is your name?' **Jesus knew our names before we did.**
- ❖ Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly; **Jesus has a heart full of love.**
- ❖ Santa offers 'Ho, ho, ho'; **Jesus offers health, help, and hope.**
- ❖ Santa says 'You better not cry'; **Jesus says, 'Cast all your cares on me, for I care for you.'**
- ❖ Santa's little helpers make toys; **Jesus makes new lives, mends hearts, repairs broken homes.**
- ❖ Santa may make you chuckle; **Jesus gives you joy.**
- ❖ Santa puts gifts under your tree; **Jesus became our gift and died on the tree.**

**There's really no comparison.
Jesus is the reason for the season.**

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H O L I D A Y



Schedule

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 (Christmas cantata practice)

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

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

Thursdays

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

NOVEMBER

Fri., Nov. 4 6:30-8:30 p.m. **"Packing Party"** for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
Sun., Nov. 6 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting
Sun., Nov. 20 at church **Deadline to place poinsettia orders** with Barbara Satterfield
7:00 p.m. **Community Thanksgiving Service at Scottsburg Baptist** with area churches (no Bible Study or choir tonight)
Sun., Nov. 27 6:00 p.m. **Hanging of the Greens Service & Lottie Moon Offering** – please bring "finger foods" –**CHOIR PRACTICE AFTER!**

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 2 6:00 p.m. Deacons & Wives' Christmas Dinner – at church
Sat., Dec. 10 5:00 p.m. **Holiday Meal** – please bring desserts & a canned food donation
Fri., Dec. 16 **Deadline to leave Christmas cards** in box at church
Sun., Dec. 18 9:45 a.m. Young Adult II Class assembles **cookie bags for shut-ins**
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship & **Christmas Cantata** – **deadline to bring canned goods** – Christmas card **pick-up**
Sun., Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. Brief, informal **Christmas Day** worship service – No evening activities
CHRISTMAS DAY

2017

Sun., Jan. 1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
NEW YEAR'S DAY 11:00 a.m. Worship
No evening activities