

# Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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## The Pastor's Corner

The weather is finally starting to get chilly! I was reading a website called, *The Rabbit Room*, where one of my favorite songwriters, Andrew Peterson, often discusses the meaning behind the lyrics of his songs. He was making a comment about a song that he performed called, "All Shall be Well." He used an illustration from people who live in colder climates. He said,

"Those of you who live in cold climates know about 'the river going out.' I remember seeing in a town in Minnesota an old car parked on a frozen river where everyone could see it. The town held a yearly raffle to predict what day of the spring thaw the car would finally sink through the ice.

Well, in Alaska there's much speculation about which day of spring the ice on the rivers will break apart and pour into the ocean. It apparently all happens in one raucous moment."

One time, Mr. Peterson came to Alaska for a concert just two days after that river ice-breaking had taken place. He said it was the talk of the town. The songwriter mentioned that these conversations reminded him of the thawing of the heart of the prodigal son and his eventual return to the arms of his loving father.

If we really think about it, we don't know what words, or what actions, God may use to open up a person's heart to the Gospel. Like the people in the Minnesota town, we can't predict the day that a person will accept Christ.

But we're still to do all that we can to bring people into that relationship! Maybe you know someone whose heart has gone cold; someone who has drifted away from the truth. We're to do all we can to bring these people back. We don't know if the

Holy Spirit will thaw their hard hearts. But we're called to bring them back towards places of warmth.

In the Bible, James put it this way:

*19 My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back,<sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.* James 5:19-20 (NLT)

Pastor Jim

## WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, NOV. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



**Fork Baptist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m.** We will join Bethel, Fork, and

Scottsburg Baptist Churches, with Pastor Jim bringing the message. It should be an inspiring service, with a time of fellowship afterwards. We hope to see you there!

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please contact Pastor Jim or  
Becky McLaughlin)

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



December

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, so we can get them sorted out and ready to give to you on December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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

### NEEDING ENCOURAGEMENT

### THIS MONTH

**Mr. Barry Smith**  
1075 Woodchuck Trail  
Crystal Hill VA 24539

*Please remember Barry with a card or a visit, and  
keep him in your prayers.*

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our "packing party" will be held after church on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. It would be great if you can stay and help pack OCC Shoeboxes with the items that have been donated during the monthly collections this fall.



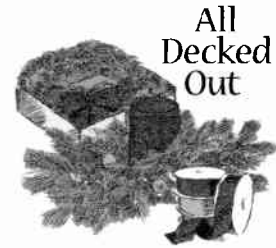
Also, special offering envelopes will be available on **Sunday, November 12**, for those who wish to donate money to help with the increased postage cost for the shoeboxes. It has increased to \$9/box this year, and while the Children's/Youth Funds have covered this in the past, we would appreciate help in meeting the increase.



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 \$10 for each poinsettia**, and you may take your poinsettia home after worship on December 20 or on Christmas Day, if you wish.

*Please give your order, names for memorials or honorariums, and payment to Barbara Satterfield by **Sunday, November 19**. 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 26**, 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; please place your name on the signup sheet on the church bulletin board 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 some of them on **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 & CHILDREN'S PLAY

*Mark your calendar for  
Saturday, December  
10<sup>th</sup> at 5: 00 p.m., when*

*we will be having the  
Christmas Dinner  
Holiday Meal at the church. The meal will include:*

- Ham
- Turkey with dressing and gravy
- Green Beans/green peas
- Creamed potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rolls
- Desserts
- Beverages

*We would like to ask the ladies of the church if you would make a dessert to share with 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 seeing you there for a time of good food and fellowship*

*The Children will be presenting their Christmas play in the sanctuary at the conclusion of the meal.*

*In Christian Love,  
The Social Committee*

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

## 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 have done for several years.

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 10<sup>th</sup>. We have several diabetics on the list, so will need more sugar-free cookies than previously**

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 2017 is ***"The Greatest Story Ever Told."*** Our choir, and sometimes musicians from our extended church family, will practice for months before we present the cantata during morning worship as our musical Christmas gift to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**We will present our cantata on Sunday, December 17, during morning worship which begins at 11:00 a.m.**

We hope you will join us in worship and wonder as we share, in musical form, ***"The Greatest Story Ever Told."***

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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

### **NOVEMBER**

Sun., Nov. 5 after church. **"Packing Party"** for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes  
6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting  
Sun., Nov. 12 11:00 a.m. Special offering collected for OCC shoeboxes  
Fri., Nov. 17 6:30 p.m. Deacons & Wives' Meal at Four Oaks Restaurant, South Boston  
Sun., Nov. 19 at church **Deadline to place poinsettia orders** with Barbara Satterfield  
Wed., Nov. 22 6:30 p.m. **Community Thanksgiving Service at Fork Baptist** with area churches (no Bible Study or choir tonight)  
Sun., Nov. 26 6:00 p.m. **Hanging of the Greens Service** & Lottie Moon Offering – please bring "finger foods" – **CHOIR PRACTICE AFTER!**

### **DECEMBER**

Sat., Dec. 9 5:00 p.m. **Church Holiday Meal** – please bring desserts & a canned food donation, and a cash donation for the meal  
Sun., Dec. 10 9:45 a.m. Young Adult II Class assembles **cookie bags for shut-ins**  
Fri., Dec. 15 **Deadline to leave Christmas cards** in box at church  
Sun., Dec. 17 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship & **Christmas Cantata** – **deadline to bring canned goods** – Christmas card pick-up  
**Sun., Dec. 24 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**Mon., Dec. 25 10:30 a.m.** Brief, informal CHRISTMAS DAY worship service  
No evening activities  
Sun., Dec. 31 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship – No evening activities