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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
November/December 2018

When I was about 10 years old, I received one of my favorite Christmas presents. I got a *Commodore* computer for Christmas. I loved it.



About a year later, the *Value City* department store up the road from us had a huge lot of old discarded Commodore games for about \$2 a piece. So for my birthday the next year, I picked up a bunch of them. One of them was by *Disney*, it was called, *Donald Duck's Playground*.

It was interesting game. The game wasn't all play. It was a lot of work! In the game, you played as *Donald Duck*...and as your character, you could chose to work in about 3 different places each day.

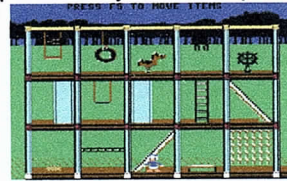
- You could work at the fruit stand...and this guy would throw items off of a delivery truck...pumpkins, cantaloupes, and watermelons...and you had to get Donald Duck underneath each item to catch it, and put it in the correct box. You played for an 8 minute shift...and you got 1 cent for each fruit that you put in the correct box...and money was deducted if you missed one and let it smash on the floor.
- You could work at a toy store...and these different items would be placed on a conveyor belt, and you had to type in the price.
- And You could work at a railroad...where you had to pull the switches to make the trains go to the right places. I think you made a set 15 cents a shift for doing that.



After you worked...the money that you collected would appear in your little bank. And there were a couple of stores where you could buy these toys...like swings, and slides, and such. You could buy these items with the money you had earned and place them in your house.

Donald Duck's nephews would then come over, and you could make them play with the toys you bought.

There were about 15 rooms in the house. So I played that game...ringing up items in the grocery store, sorting fruit, and directing trains. I played it until I had enough to fill EVERY room in the house with toys. I wanted to know what would happen once you filled up the house.



NOTHING HAPPENED! You could still play with the toys...but the only thing you could do once you completely filled the house up with items...is you could sell some of your items back to the junk shop for way less than you paid for them, and then you could buy other items. But that's it, there was no real end to the game.

So I stopped playing it. I thought that by filling the house with toys, I would "win" and the game would be over! Like the saying, "He who dies with the most toys, wins!". But the truth is, once you fill the house with toys...all you could do is resell your possessions as junk and start the whole process over.

This was a lot like the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12, where Jesus says, "*For one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions... Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.*"

Look, I love toys. It can be a joy to get someone a toy that they love. And then, the bigger we get, the bigger our toys seem to be, and the more they cost!! But at the end of the day, we will never find true contentment in stuff! It all just gets old, and eventually taken to the junk shop. In the book of John, we read that Jesus said that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy...in the world's eyes, both things and people all just get old and fall apart. But Christ said, "*But I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly!*" Without Christ, life has no eternal meaning. But Jesus is our reason for hope!!
Merry Christmas,

Pastor Jim.



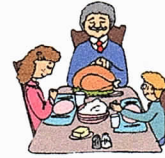
The members of Winn's Creek Baptist Church will be having our regular Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, November 4th, at 6PM. Please make plans to attend!



Poinsettia Order Forms are now available. The cost for the flowers is \$10 each. Red & White are available. Orders need to be in by Sunday, November 18th. Please give your orders to Barbara Satterfield or Billie Jean Baylous.



Our Hanging of the Greens service will be Sunday, November 25th at 6PM. We will begin with our traditional service in the church sanctuary. This will be followed by a brief service for those who wish to come outside where ornaments will be available for people to hang on an outdoor tree in remembrance of their loved ones. At the conclusion, we will have light refreshments in the fellowship hall.



Our Holiday meal will be December 8th at 5PM. The meal will include: Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, yams, & rolls. We will have tea and water to drink. There is no set price for the meal, but donations will be accepted and appreciated. We would like families that come to fix a dessert to share at the meal. We look forward to seeing everyone there! - The Social Committee



Our Christmas Cantata will take place during the 11AM service on Sunday, December 16th. It is called, "*Peace has Come*". We hope to see everyone there as we give praise to God for sending His Son.



Christmas Cards. If you have Christmas Cards for those in our church family, and you'd like to save on postage, please bring them to church NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th. (There will be a wedding the next week, so everyone will be pretty busy). Billie Jean will get them sorted for pickup.



Casual Christmas Service We will have our Christmas Day service on Tuesday, December 25th at 10:30AM. Get up early, unwrap your gifts, and then come and give thanks for God's Greatest Gift of All, our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

(To add a name, please contact Pastor Jim)

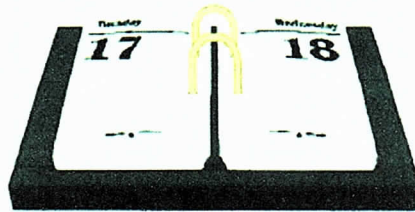


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| 1 st | Tammy Hall – B | 1 st | Christie Clayton – B |
| 2 nd | Chad Lloyd – B | 2 nd | Kim & Joe Martin – A
Jay Henderson – B |
| 3 rd | Lisa Davis – B | 6 th | Audrey Dawson – B |
| 9 th | Duane Murphy – B
Tara Holzclaw – B | 7 th | George Baylous – B |
| 12 th | Jenny Cole – B | 9 th | Evan Owen – B |
| 13 th | Kristie Claiborne – B | 10 th | John Ambrose, Jr. – B |
| 14 th | Bruce Riley – B | 12 th | Hollis Owen – B
Mike Plainte – B |
| 18 th | Meghan Talley – B | 15 th | Danny & Cecelia Owen – A |
| 19 th | Brittany Cole – B
Jim Kopco – B | 16 th | Jim & Julie Kopco – A |
| 21 st | Patricia Smith – B | 20 th | John & Kathy Ambrose – A |
| 23 rd | Inez Baylous – B | 21 st | Amy Layman Ledyard – B |
| 24 th | James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
Anna Kate Clark - B | 22 nd | Sonny Dickerson – B
Cindy Nichols Nelson – B |
| 25 th | Corde Nichols – B
Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A | 23 rd | Richard & Trudy Epps – A |
| 29 th | David & Karen Shiner – A | 30 th | Kelly Ingram - 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

7:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00PM *That the World May Know* Bible Study

8:00PM Adult Choir

- Nov. 4th Quarterly Business Meeting at 6PM
- Nov. 18th Poinsettia orders due
- Nov. 25th Hanging of the Greens Service at 6PM
- Dec. 8th Holiday Meal at 5PM
- Dec. 16th Christmas Cantata at 11AM
Christmas Cards are due
- Dec. 25th Casual Christmas Service at 10:30AM