



Winn's Creek Baptist Church
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CHURCH NEWSLETTER
November/December 2019

Thanksgiving is almost here! What a privilege it is for us to take time to eat and fellowship with family and friends.

Sometimes as Christians, we forget to be thankful. We need to be reminded that every opportunity we have to share food together is a blessing that comes from God.

In his book, *Every Moment Holy*, D. K. McKelvey wrote the following liturgy for Feasting with Friends:

"To gather joyfully is indeed a serious affair, for feasting and all enjoyments gratefully taken are, at their heart, acts of war.

In celebration of this feast we declare that
evil and death
suffering and loss,
sorrow and tears,
will not have the final word.

But the joy of fellowship, and the welcome and comfort of friends new and old, and the celebration of these blessings of food and drink and conversation and laughter are the true evidences of things eternal, and are the first fruits of that great glad joy that is to come and that will be unending.

So let our feast this day be joined to those sure victories secured by Christ. Let it be to us now a delight, and a glad foretaste of His eternal kingdom.
Bless us, O Lord, in this feast.

Bless us, O Lord, as we linger over our cups, and over this table laden with good things, as we relish the delights of varied texture and flavor, of aromas and savory spices, of dishes prepared as acts of love and blessing, of sweet delights made sweeter by the communion of saints.

May this shared meal, and our pleasure in it, bear witness against the artifice and deceptions of the prince of the darkness that would bind this world to hope. May it strike at the root of the lie that would drain life of meaning, and the world of joy, and suffering of redemption.

May this our feast fall like a great hammer blow against that brittle night, shattering the gloom, reawakening our hearts, stirring our imaginations, focusing our vision on the kingdom of Heaven that is to come on the kingdom that is promised, on the kingdom that is already, indeed, among us,
For the resurrection of all good things has already joyfully begun.

May this feast be an echo of that great Supper of the Lamb, a foreshadowing of the great celebration that awaits the children of God.

Where two or more of us are gathered, O Lord, there you have promised to be. And here we are. And so, here are you. Take joy, O King, in this our feast. Take joy!

All will be well!
Nothing good and right and true will be lost forever. All good things will be restored. Feast and be reminded! Take joy, little flock. Take joy! Let battle be joined! Let battle be joined!

Now you who are loved by the Father, prepare your hearts and give yourselves wholly to this celebration of joy, to the glad company of saints, to the comforting fellowship of the Spirit, and to the abiding presence of Christ who is seated among us both as our host and as our honored guest, and still yet as our conquering king.
Amen.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, take seat, take feast, take delight!"



**WINN'S CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**



Halloween Pizza Party
Sunday, Nov. 3rd
Right after the 11AM service.

For Parents +
 Children of All Ages!
 Stay after church with us for
 some pizza, crafts, + family
 fun.



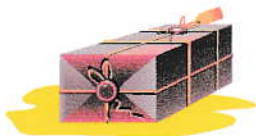


Quarterly Business Meeting
 Sun. Nov. 3rd at 6PM



Hanging of the Greens Service
 Sunday, December 1st at 6PM.

Please come as we decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Christ's First Coming. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship with cookies & punch in the social hall. We hope to see you there!

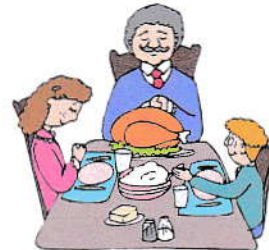


Operation Christmas Child

There will be an offering to help defray the cost of shipping the O.C.C. shoeboxes on Sun. Nov. 3rd, & the boxes are due back by Sun. Nov. 10th. Thanks!



DEACON & WIVES CHRISTMAS MEAL
 Our deacon & deacon wives' Christmas meal will be Friday, November 15th at 6PM at **Four Oaks** restaurant in South Boston.



HOLIDAY MEAL

Saturday, December 14th at 5PM.
 Please come out for food and fellowship with us. There is no set price for our Holiday 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!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

This year's Christmas Cantata, *Messiah: Heaven's Glory* will take place on Sunday, December 15th during the 11AM worship service. Please come out as we worship the Lord with song.



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)

- 1st Tammy Hall – B
- 2nd Chad Lloyd – B
- 3rd Lisa Davis – 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 Patricia Smith – B
- 23rd Inez Baylous – B
- 24th James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
Anna Kate Clark – B
- 25th Corda Nichols – B
Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A

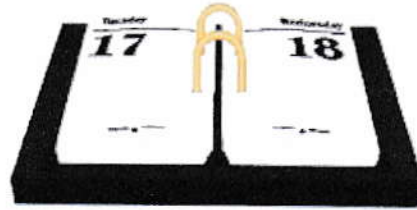


**December
BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

(To add a name, please contact Pastor Jim)

- 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 Plante – B
- 15th Danny & Cecelia Owen – A
- 16th Jim & Julie Kopco – A
- 20th John & Kathy Ambrose – A
- 21st Amy Layman Ledyard – B
- 22nd Sonny Dickerson – B
Cindy Nichols Nelson – B
- 23rd Richard & Trudy Epps – A
- 30th Kelly Ingram – B

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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 *Outlive Your Life* Bible Study
- 8:00PM Adult Choir

- Nov. 3rd Kid's Halloween Pizza Party after church
- Nov. 3rd O.C.C. Love offering for shipping shoeboxes
- Nov. 3rd Quarterly Business Meeting
- Nov. 15th Deacon & Wives' Christmas Meal
- Dec. 1st Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 14th Holiday Meal
- Dec. 15th Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 25th Casual Christmas Day Service