



WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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It will be Thanksgiving before we know it! Time sure does fly! In times like these, we're reminded that even the simple act of sharing a meal together can often be a privilege that we take for granted.

In *Every Moment Holy*, D.K. Mekelvey wrote the following, "A liturgy before 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 celebrating 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 evidence 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 glade 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 blind 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.

My this 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 the battle be joined! Let the 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."



For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. But against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12



CHURCH DIRECTORY ADDRESSES

We are postponing our church directory indefinitely due to the COVID-19 situation. However, many of you have new cell phone numbers. In addition, since folks are unable to gather in larger numbers, many of you are also sending cards. So, Winn's Creek will be making an address directory only. (No pictures). There will be forms on the church website, in the vestibule and fellowship hall, and there is a form attached to the back of this newsletter. If you'd like to be included in the address directory, please fill out the form and get it back to Pastor Jim NO LATER than Sunday, November 15th.



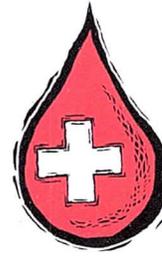
HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 29th at 6:30PM, Winn's Creek Baptist Church will have a Simplified Hanging of the Greens service. There will be no refreshments, and we aren't going to be selling pointsettias this year. But we will have a short worship service celebrating Christ's First Coming. If you are interested in reading a part during this service, please let Pastor Jim know. Thanks!



PRAISE BAND

Winn's Creek is re-starting the praise band. If you would be interested in being a part of this, please let Debra or Matthew know. Thanks!



BLOODMOBILE COORDINATOR STILL NEEDED

Winn's Creek Baptist Church has been hosing blood drives in our community for the last 16 years. This is a team ministry, with the support and participation of many of our church family. But it requires a coordinator, and Joani Layman plans to step down from that role at the end of 2020. Although the actual blood drives are conducted differently now due to COVID-19, a coordinator is still needed to: serve as liaison with the American Red Cross, schedule drives & donor appointments; publicize Bloodmobiles via flyers, road signs, news releases, etc.; enlist volunteers to help with setup, food & drinks for canteen, work at Bloodmobile, & clean up afterwards. Of course, the coordinator should be at every blood drive, as well. If you would be willing to step in as coordinator, Joani will work with you until you feel comfortable with what it entails, and she will still help as a volunteer as she can. Without a coordinator, we will have to give up this vitally important ministry. Please contact Joani Layman or Pastor Jim as soon as possible to volunteer for the coordinator's role, or for more information. Thanks!



Mini Choirs

To practice safe social distancing... Winn's Creek is going to split the choir into three groups. The three choir groups will practice on Wed. nights at 6:30PM. Participants will only need to come each third Wednesday that their group practices. If you'd like to sing in one of our new mini choirs, please let Carolyn know. Thank you!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 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
- 26th Brandi Abbott
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A

IF YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED ON OUR NEWSLETTER LIST, PLEASE LET PASTOR JIM KNOW. YOU CAN EMAIL OR TEXT HIM THE INFORMATION. THANKS!

Winn's Creek Sunday Services are at 10:30AM

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



December

BIRTHDAYS AND 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
- 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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Don't forget, operation Christmas child shoeboxes are due back at the church no later than Sunday, November 8th.



Love Offerings

Winn's Creek Baptist Church will have the following love offerings, please use the envelopes provided.

- Nov. 1st – Operation Christmas Child
- Nov. 15th – Stop Hunger Now
- Nov. 29th – Lottie Moon Christmas



Wednesday Nights

Winn's Creek is going to temporarily discontinue our Wed. night online Sunday School discussions. However, we will still send out prayer requests through the phone tree.

Winn's Creek Church Directory Form

Use this form to submit your address information for printed church address list directory (no pictures).

Last Name *

(Enter you or your families' last name with just the first letter capitalized. (Example "Kopco")

First Name(s) *

(Enter your ADULT family member(s) first name(s)) (Example "James and Julie")

Child Name(s)

(Enter your Children's first names – if applicable) (Example: Mary, Jane, Sue, etc.)

Street Address *

Enter just your street address here. DO NOT INCLUDE CITY AND STATE ON THIS LINE.

(Example 3088 Howard P. Anderson Road)

City *

Enter your city in this line

State *

Enter just the 2 Letter state abbreviation (Example "VA")

Zipcode *

Enter your 5 digit zipcode only.

Phone Number

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Email

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