

# Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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## The Pastor's Corner

In Sunday morning worship, I've started a new sermon series on the book of Ecclesiastes. In this book Solomon talks about the futility of life, "under the sun." He talks about how life apart from God is meaningless. In the second chapter, he talks about ways people often try to fill the void, the use of alcohol for example. Solomon tries drinking different types of wine, to see if any of them will bring happiness. But in the end, nothing seems to work.

Often, people will hesitate to make a decision for Christ, because they think that the Christian life is too restrictive; that there's too much they need to give up and too many behaviors that require change. In reality, as believers grow in faith, they soon come to realize that their relationship with Christ actually frees them from the dependence on so many external things for their happiness.

Even unbelievers, if they're honest with themselves, know this to be true. Dana Tierney, an atheist, once wrote the following in Reader's Digest,

*"Over the years, I've come to think I'm missing out. My friends and relatives who rely on God - the real believers, not just the churchgoers - have an expansiveness of spirit. When they walk along a stream, they don't JUST see water falling over rocks; the sight fills them with ecstasy. They see a realm of hope beyond this world. I just see a babbling brook. I don't get the message." (May 2004)*

There is something freeing and fulfilling about the Christian life! When Solomon comes along and talks about how drinking alcohol doesn't satisfy...it's not really a matter of Christianity being too restrictive when we're told not to be drunk. The truth is that the more we grow in faith, the more we realize that drinking just isn't necessary for us to have a good time. We don't need alcohol to fill a void.

People often don't think it through. Let me give you an example from last Saturday. As you know, I'm a huge Liberty fan, and I was at the Liberty Flames/Montana Grizzlies football game. There was a group of Montana fans sitting next to me to my left.

At the beginning of the third quarter, a couple of Grizzlies fans had an interesting observation about Liberty's student section. One Montana fan noted, *"I've never seen so many students that just stayed in their seats through the entire halftime"*. As a former member of *"The Spirit of the Mountain"* (LU's marching band), I was thinking to myself...that's because our band is so excellent and entertaining! ☺

However, another Montana fan quickly responded to the first guy's comment, and he said something that I've never even noticed. He said, *"It's because they don't drink; they've all actually come to watch the game, instead of just making an appearance in first quarter before going to a tailgate to get plastered."*

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I laughed. It's crazy when the world thinks that going to a football game simply to watch football is not normal! But yet it was a strange sight to some of the visiting fans...they had never seen that many sober college students at a football game. At the same time, everyone in the stands still seemed to be enjoying themselves.

So what's the lesson? Well, Jesus put it this way in John 10:10: *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life"* (NLT). Other translations put it this way, Jesus says, *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"* (ESV).

When our sense of purpose and happiness comes from our relationship with God through Christ, then we don't have to worry about trying to fill a spiritual void with other things. Furthermore, when we stop pursuing the things of the world, people notice the difference.

Pastor Jim



**Saturday, October 10**

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Please contact Joani Layman to donate or help at the blood drive. Come and give blood—a gift of life!



OCTOBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Connie Gail Womack – B
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Fears – B
6 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Ashby – B
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Clinton Francisco – B
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Murphy – B
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Epps – B
	Rico & Mary Elizabeth Magnotto – A
10 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Riley – B
15 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Pyle – B
16 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Lorello – B
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monica Plainte – B
20 <sup>th</sup>	Kristina West Lloyd – B
27 <sup>th</sup>	Vivian Sweeting – B
28 <sup>th</sup>	Estelle McLaughlin – B
31	James & Alice Clayton - A



**JOIN US FOR A HARVEST FESTIVAL!**

On Sunday, October 11, we will have a Harvest Festival for the whole church family from 3:00-6:00 p.m. There will be games, recreation, and of course food, including a hot dog supper. If you can lend a hand, please see Kelly Henderson. Mark your calendar now for a fun afternoon as we celebrate the autumn season!



**Christ died for you and for me. We will remember His sacrifice of love as we share in the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> during morning worship service.**

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## DRBA WMU EVENT

***"Indonesia: Tropical paradise or islands of lostness?"***

October 18 – 3 p.m.  
Ellis Creek Baptist Church

More than a millennium ago, foreign traders began coming to Indonesia's 13,000 islands, seeking precious spices of nutmeg, mace, and cloves. Religious beliefs also flowed into the islands from trade ships: Hinduism from India, Buddhism from China, and the most influential religion of all, Islam. The beliefs of Muslim traders swept the archipelago, making Indonesia today the world's most populous Muslim nation. This creates a challenge for introducing Indonesians to the gospel.

Explore Indonesia through the 2015 International Mission Study. Discover the challenges and joys of ministry there. Visit the places that draw more tourists than traders today, and learn about individuals who are leaving a legacy that matters for eternity.

### **Other opportunities within the DRBA:**

**"STOP HUNGER NOW" Food packing event at First Baptist Church on October 18 at 4:00 p.m.** People are also needed around 3 p.m. to help set up the food packing stations. Please bring a cash donation.

**DRBA is sponsoring a mission trip to Jupiter, Florida, from October 16-23.** The cost is \$125 per person. It involves assisting a small church with their large pumpkin patch ministry...handing out pumpkins, face painting, etc. Call the DRBA office for more information.

## OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL



*In October we will have our fellowship meal on the fourth Sunday—**October 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a special "Harvest Meal" theme, with lovely decorations and a festive atmosphere. Please bring some food to share with the church family and enjoy the warm fellowship as well. If you are a guest, we welcome you to just come and take part, don't worry about bringing food. We always have plenty!*

Our children's and youth groups are sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project again this year.

Empty boxes will be available to pick up from church on Sunday,

October 18; they include labels for different age/sex children, along with a list of suggested items. **Filled boxes are due back by Nov. 1.** Our church goal is **100 boxes**. Toothbrushes have been donated for 100 boxes, and postage is already covered, so--if you can-- please prepare an extra box. See Cecelia Owen for further information.



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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



### 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)

Sun., Oct. 4

Mon., Oct. 5

Sat., Oct. 10

Sun., Oct. 11

Sun., Oct. 18

Sun., Oct. 25

Sun., Nov. 1

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship & **The Lord's Supper**

7:00 p.m.

Deacons/Finance Committee Mtg., Deacons' Wives Mtg.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

BLOODMOBILE at our church

3 - 6 p.m.

**Harvest Festival** - fun for all the family

at church

Operation Christmas Child boxes available for pick-up

after church

**"Harvest Meal" celebration** - bring food and a friend

at church

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes **due back to church**

6:00 p.m.

**Quarterly Business Meeting** (rescheduled from Oct. 25 due to conflict with DRBA annual meeting)

PLAN AHEAD:

Sun., Nov. 22

7:00 p.m.

Combined Thanksgiving Service at our church with neighboring churches - we will provide light refreshments afterwards