

WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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About 10 years ago, I put together a Welcome booklet for new members at Winn's Creek Baptist Church. It contained a copy of our church constitution, Sunday school classes, and how our church uses our regular offerings.

In addition, in the side pocket of the welcome pack, there was an insert with a Bible Reading plan. Also tucked inside that insert was a copy of Thom Rainer's book, "I am a Church Member".

I included the, "I am a Church Member" booklet in with the welcome pack because it does an excellent job at explaining what Christ calls us to do as churchmembers.

One of the chapters of the book is entitled, "I WILL NOT LET MY CHURCH BE ABOUT MY PREFERENCES & DESIERS". It's so important to the unity of a church for all of her members to be flexible.

Right now, with the coronavirus variant spreading, it's hard to know exactly what to do. That being the case, some situations will remain fluid.

For example, as of now, we are planning on having a homecoming service on Sunday, September 26th. If things remain the same, we are planning on having The River Creek Band do special music during the morning service, and we are planning on having a fellowship meal after the service. Our speaker is scheduled to be Rev. David Darbyshire. Pastor David was here at Winn's Creek from 1981-1984. We are looking forward to this service, and we are hoping to have it as scheduled. HOWEVER, please be watching the bulletin, our church facebook page, and our church website for announcements. If anything changes regarding this service or other services, we will let you know as soon as we can.

On the last page of this newsletter, I am including an invitation letter that can be used to invite people to homecoming, if you wish to do so. But even on the invitation, I will advise people to check the church's website and facebook page for the most recent announcements.

In other words, we are hoping to be able to have homecoming as scheduled. But, if we do end up needing to move the service or change things, we will let everyone know through our website and facebook page.

With that being said, services are continuing as scheduled at Winn's Creek. We have Sunday School at 10AM, followed by Worship at 11AM. We also have Evening services at 7PM on Wednesdays and 6PM on Sundays.

Right now, with our governor's executive order requiring social distancing and masks expiring, and no new order being issued - our state coronavirus website at Virginia.gov just lists the following guidelines:

- *Wash hands regularly.
- *If not vaccinated, maintain social distancing
- *Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

So as of now, masks are not required inside at churches in Virginia. However, the CDC is recommending masks indoors, so if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. Also, if you feel more comfortable with drive-in worship, we are still broadcasting into the parking lot on 88.1FM on Sunday mornings...so you are welcome to come in your car. In addition, we are continuing to stream the service live online. You can also stream the service through our church app or the mixlr app.

Please be flexible as we try to get through all of this together. – Pastor Jim.



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

We are aware that sometimes the Mixlr streaming app will cut off during the service. We were also aware of the problem with the parking lot transmitter last week. We think we have gotten these issues addressed and the problems corrected, but if the streaming app breaks up for you, or you can't hear in the parking lot through your car radio, please let us know. Thanks.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Full choir practice has resumed. We have choir practice on Wednesday nights at 8PM and on Sunday nights at 7PM. We'd love for you to come out and sing with us.



HOMECOMING

Please mark your calendars! Our homecoming service at Winn's Creek Baptist will be Sunday, September 26th at 11AM. We will have a combined Sunday School at 10AM. Our speaker for the 11AM service will be Rev. David Darbyshire. Pastor David was here at Winn's Creek from 1981-1984. He looks forward to seeing everyone! There will be special music during the morning service by the River Creek Band. The service will be followed by a Fellowship Meal!



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put on our prayer chain or prayer list, please call, email, or text pastor Jim. Make sure you have permission from the person before you put them on the list.



DEACONS & WIVES' MEAL

All Winn's Creek Baptist Church Deacons and Deacons wives. Our Holiday meal will be Friday, November 5th at 6PM at Four Oaks resteraunte in South Boston, VA. Please make your calendars and we hope to see you there.

BUSINESS MEETING

The date of our next business meeting will depend on if/when the DRBA decides to have their annual meeting. As of now, we will plan on having our next quarterly business meeting on Sunday, October 24th, unless the DRBA decides to have an in person annual meeting the same day. Thanks!

CarePortal

Our church needs volunteers for the careportal program in which we will be participating. There are two types of volunteers that will be needed. We need one (1) POINT PERSON and one (1) BACKUP POINT PERSON. It is the point person's responsibility to access the list of needs from the careportal database and decide which need that our church will meet each month. (Each participating church is asked to meet at least 1 need per month). It would also be great if we could have at least six (6) RESPONDERS. Responders are the people that actually go into people's houses and meet the need...whether it is bringing them the item, or helping them fix the issue that they are having. There is a small online signup that requires your email. There will also be a short video training for those who sign up. If you would like to be a part of this either as a point person or a responder, please let Pastor Jim know ASAP so that he can let the nominating committee know of your interest. Thank you so much!

SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Darrell Elliott – B
Mike Spencer – B
- 2nd James Ambrose – B
Charles & Lauren Fears – A
- 4th Jay Francisco – B
- 5th Josh Rather - B
- 8th Tye Davis Henderson – B
- 10th Becky McLaughlin – B
- 13th Drew Hall – B
Annie Mae Fuquay – B
- 14th Lori Dawson – B
Jackson Plainte – B
Norma Jean Henderson – B
Josh & Samantha Rather - A
- 16th Tom Sweeting – B
- 21st Tori Dawson – B
- 22nd Mark Owen – B
Matthew Owen – B
- 23rd Lee Davis – B
- 24th Chuck & Sabrina Conner – A
Adam & Brigid Layman – A
- 25th Thelma Brown – B
- 28th Macon Fears – B
Macon & Linda Fears – A
- 29th Samantha Clark – B
Monroe & Shirley Duffey – A
- 30th Owen & Barbara Satterfield – A
RaShawn Jones – B



Operation Christmas Child coming soon!
Boxes will be available the first Sunday in October
and due back by the first Sunday in November.



OCTOBER

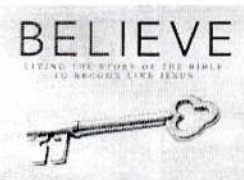
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- 3rd Connie Gail Womack – B
- 5th Lauren Fears – B
- 6th Scott Ashby – B
- 7th John Clinton Francisco – B
- 8th Kathleen Murphy – B
- 9th Tony Epps – B
Rico & Mary Elizabeth Magnotto – A
- 10th Pat Riley - B
- 15th Nicholas Pyle – B
- 16th Judy Lorello – B
- 17th Monica Plainte – B
- 26th Savannah Rather - B
- 27th Vivian Sweeting – B
- 28th Estelle McLaughlin – B
- 31st James & Alice Clayton – A



"In the Spanish Inquisition Spain took all of the money and property from the Jews and expelled them from the land. Some of that money funded Christopher Columbus's voyage to the New World, which would later become a safe haven for the Jews – America."

- Submitted by Betty Burton



A new Wednesday night study begins Wednesday September 1st at 7PM. The study is called "Believe". It is a sequel to the Max Lucado study called, "The Story". We hope that everyone can attend this midweek study. Books will be provided!



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Greetings,

Winn's Creek Baptist Church is planning on holding her 2021 Homecoming Service on Sunday September 26th, 2021. There could be no greater pleasure than to have you here to share memories of the past and to share our hope in Christ for the future.

The schedule of services is as follows:

- 10:00AM Joint Sunday School for adults in sanctuary, with separate Sunday School for the children of all ages
- 11:00AM Morning worship service in the Sanctuary
- 12:00PM A fellowship meal (following the conclusion of the morning service)

There will be no evening service on the 26th so that everyone will have time to visit and catch up.

Pastor David Darbyshire will be bringing the morning message. He was pastor here at Winn's Creek from 1981 to 1984. We are excited to have Pastor Darbyshire back with us for this service, and he looks forward to seeing everyone. Special Music during our morning worship service will be provided by The River Creek Band. We are so excited to have Pastor David & The Band here with us.

We hope this letter finds you well, and we wish that you would all make plans to worship with us for homecoming this year.

Yours in Christ,

James Kopco

Pastor, Winn's Creek Baptist Church

P.S. Please be sure to keep checking our church website and Facebook pages for updates regarding this service. If any changes are made to the date + time, announcements will be placed on the website + Facebook + prayertree. Thank You.