

Winn's Creek Baptist Church NEWS

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The Pastor's Corner

Tony Evans once told the story of a mother who was having a gathering to celebrate the birth of her newborn son. She invited a bunch of friends over to celebrate his arrival. She welcomed her guests, and they all had a great time celebrating, eating, and drinking.

After a while, one of the ladies said, "Well, bring the baby out. Let us see him."

The mother went to get the baby from his crib – he was nowhere to be found. She started to panic and feel fearful! Suddenly, she remembered that the baby was still at her parents' house, where she had left him that morning. She and the guests had been having so much fun they had forgotten what the party was about in the first place.

During the Christmas season, many people get busy with celebration and forget that the birth of Jesus Christ is the real reason for the season.

Jesus Himself taught the same point using a similar illustration. In Matthew chapter 22, Jesus said,

2 "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son.**3** When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!**4** "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!' **5** But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business.**6** Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.**7** "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town.**8** And he said to his

*servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor.'**9** Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see. **10** So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. Matt 22:1-10 (NLT)*

In this story, Jesus talks about a King who prepares a great banquet. He invites many guests...but they don't R.S.V.P. Why? According to verse 5, some were busy with their farms, and others were busy with other business. They didn't have time for the King, so Christ had to invite another set of guests, because those he originally invited were too busy with other things.

Do you have time in your life for Christ? Please take time to remember the real reason we celebrate at Christmas!

Pastor Jim

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, NOV. 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Important business - See you there!



(for the whole family)
Friday, Nov. 13
7 p.m.



(for the whole family)
Friday, December 11
7 p.m.

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

We actually surprised Pastor Jim and his wife Julie when we recognized their ten years at Winn's Creek on October 25th. Well, maybe they weren't totally surprised---Jim said later that a few folks had made inquiries about whether he and Julie would be at the Harvest Meal, and he "suspected something was up" but didn't quite know what.

At the end of morning worship (and an inspiring sermon by Evan Owen), Deacon Chairman Wayne Holt, along with our deacons, expressed the church's appreciation for Jim's dedicated ministry and recognized Julie's important role as his wife.

A "Prayer for Our Pastor" plaque/clock was given to Pastor Jim, along with a generous check

which represented love gifts from many members and friends. Wayne told the couple that the money was for them to be able to take a nice getaway somewhere.

A few "gag gifts" were presented as well before the blessing was asked upon the meal and

everyone moved to the fellowship hall to enjoy a lavish lunch and much visiting.

Thanks to everyone for helping keep the big secret, for donating so generously to the love gift for Jim and Julie, and for the notes of love and appreciation you left for them at the fellowship meal. If you didn't get a chance to tell the Kopcos how much their ministry means to you, please take time to do that soon. We are so blessed to have them!



Some gag gifts for our frugal pastor!



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please contact Joani Layman,
434-476-7982)

- 1st Tammy Hall – B
- 2nd Chad Lloyd – B
- 3rd Lisa Davis – B
- 6th Alayna Turner – 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 Eugene Montgomery – B
Patricia Smith – B
- 23rd Inez Baylous – B
- 24th James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
- 25th Corda Nichols – B
Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A



Winn's Creek Church will host
the Community Thanksgiving
Service here on **Sunday,**
November 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel, Fork, and Scottsburg Baptist Churches will
join us, with pastors and music groups participating
from all the churches. It should be a lovely service.

Please bring cookies and other snack foods, as
it is our turn to provide refreshments following the
service. Drinks will be provided.



December

BIRTHDAYS & 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
Jordan Wade – B
- 15th Danny & Cecelia Owen – A
- 16th Jim & Julie Kopco – A
Ray & Deborah Montgomery – A
- 17th Ronnie Smith – B
- 20th John & Kathy Ambrose – A
- 21st Amy Layman Ledyard – B
- 22nd Sonny Dickerson – B
Cindy Nichols Nelson – B
Holly Conner – B
- 23rd Richard & Trudy Epps – A
- 25th Clara Puckett – B
- 26th Howard Overstreet – B
- 30th Kelly Ingram – B

**Don't forget -- Filled
Operation Christmas Child
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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The Hanging of the Greens service will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. We will collect our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering then.

Volunteers are needed to read parts of the service; see Pastor

Jim if you are willing to help.

Worship with us as we decorate the church in celebration of Christ's coming. After the service, we will have a time of fellowship with light snacks. The Social Committee will provide punch, and *we ask everyone to bring some holiday "finger foods" to share.*

If you would be willing to help get the church ready for the Hanging of the Greens service, we will be getting the decorations out and placing some of them on **Sunday, November 22nd** after church. Your help would be appreciated!

Again this year we will be using donated poinsettias to decorate the church at the Hanging of the Greens and throughout the Advent season.

You may order a red or white poinsettia, wrapped in green foil with a bow, in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. The cost is **\$9.50** for each poinsettia.

*Please give your order, names for honorariums or memorials, and payment to Barbara Satterfield by **Sunday, November 22.** Checks should be made payable to Winn's Creek Baptist Church, with the memo: **Poinsettia.***



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be doing Christmas cards again this year for those in the local church family. **Please fix your cards and have them in the box in the vestibule by Wednesday, December 16th,** so we can get them sorted out and ready to give to you on December 20th. Please do not print addresses on your cards -we don't mail them for you! And please don't bring them all at the last minute. Thanks!



CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

As we approach the holiday season, we ask that all our members open their hearts and wallets to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items and place them in the large cardboard box located at the front entrance to the sanctuary.

We will be collecting this food until the Sunday before Thanksgiving, at which time Anne Jones and Billie Jean Baylous (who used to head up the food ministry in our church) will see that your food gifts are boxed up and taken to several needy families in our area.

HOLIDAY MEAL

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.,** when we will be having the Holiday Meal at the church. The menu will be:

- Ham
- Turkey with dressing and gravy
- Green Beans
- Creamed potatoes
- Yams
- Rolls
- Desserts
- Beverages



We would like to ask the ladies of the church if you would make a dessert for us. We once again ask that you bring some canned foods that we can use to fix the boxes for those in need like we did last year.

The cost of the meal will be a donation. We look forward to a good time of fellowship with you all.

*In Christian Love,
The Social Committee*

P.S. There will be no Third Sunday Fellowship Meal in November or December.

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YOUNG ADULT II CLASS

(taught by James Stewart & Larry Layman)

We plan to put together holiday cookie bags for the church shut-ins, as we did last year.



Class members who are willing to help are asked to **bring approximately 3 dozen small-to-medium-sized cookies (homemade or store bought, bagged 3 per snack bag or sandwich bag) to class on Sunday, DECEMBER 20.**

We will assemble an assortment of cookies in gift bags to take to the shut-ins whom we usually remember at Christmas and at other times during the year.

When the sheet is passed around in class, *please sign up to indicate which type of cookies you think you will bring.* We will also have a sign-up sheet in class for delivering these to our church shut-ins.



"STARS OF GLORY"

Sunday, December 20 - 11:00 a.m.

"Stars of Glory," God's glory, radiates the promise of the Light of God's Salvation, fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Bright and Morning Star. This musical presentation conveys all of the starry images that blazed on the most holy of nights, in the manger, on the hillside, and in the angel-filled skies.

Come! Celebrate with us the glory of Jesus as the Adult Choir presents "Stars of Glory" on Sunday, December 20, during our morning worship hour at 11:00 a.m.

2016 BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULE AT WINN'S CREEK

Saturday, January 9
Saturday, April 2
Saturday, June 4
Saturday, August 6
Saturday, October 8



Congratulations to Trey and Kendall (Lloyd) Burkholder, who were wed at Winn's Creek Church on October 3rd.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Miriam White Burton
August 13, 1922 – October 5, 2015

Lucas Carrington Nichols
February 21, 1935 – October 12, 2015

Shirley Glass Saunders
April 19, 1937 – October 19, 2015

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H O L I D A Y



Schedule

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 (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Sun., Nov. 1	at church	Deadline to return Christmas Child boxes
	6:00 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting
Fri., Nov. 13	7:00 p.m.	Family Movie Night
Sun., Nov. 22	at church	Deadline to order poinsettias
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service at our church with neighboring churches – please bring light refreshments
Sun., Nov. 29	6:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens Service – please bring “finger foods”
Fri., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	Family Game Night
Sat., Dec. 12	5:00 p.m.	Holiday Meal – please bring desserts & a donation
Sun., Dec. 13	at church	Christmas card deadline
Sun., Dec. 20	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata
Thurs., Dec. 25	10:30 a.m.	Brief, informal Christmas Day worship service