

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

In August, the church recognized my 20 years of service as Senior Pastor here at Winn's. My, what 20 years it's been! Though it was exceedingly difficult at times, I can't imagine doing anything else for that time period. Every challenge that came our way was faced with resolute confidence in God. Through much prayer, and by godly people taking appropriate stands, we were delivered over and over again. Our Father worked through it all to bring us to where we are today. Though we're far from perfect, and we do need to grow in the area of Christian service, we are maturing as a family into a group of Christ followers that work well together and bring the Lord much joy.

My wife and I are appreciative of the cards, treats, and well-wishes from the individuals who offered them, as well as the nice portable generator that the church gave us. But we are even more grateful for the many of you who really believe in this ministry. I often say, when I am telling people about our church history, that as cool as that is, it wouldn't mean much if we weren't vibrant and relevant today. Similarly, as nice as it is to receive encouragement and tokens of gratitude from the church family, it would ring hollow if we weren't fervently working towards seeing His Kingdom come and His will done.

As long as I am able to do the job well, I hope that we have many more years of service together. I promise you that I will never "retire in place". As long as you and the Lord leave me in the role of Senior Pastor, I will be doing all that is in my power, by God's grace, to lead us to become everything that He has in mind for us. The years behind us have been amazing, I eagerly anticipate the years ahead!

Gratefully His and yours,
Pastor Jeff

Would you like to help impact the next generation in a mighty way? Join our team of **AWANA volunteers today!**

CONTACT DANA OSBORNE AT dosborne@winnsbc.org or 804-347-5229



**Wednesday evenings starting September 15th.
Volunteer training on September 8th.**



Little Lambs Children's Choir
(age 4 - 1st grade)

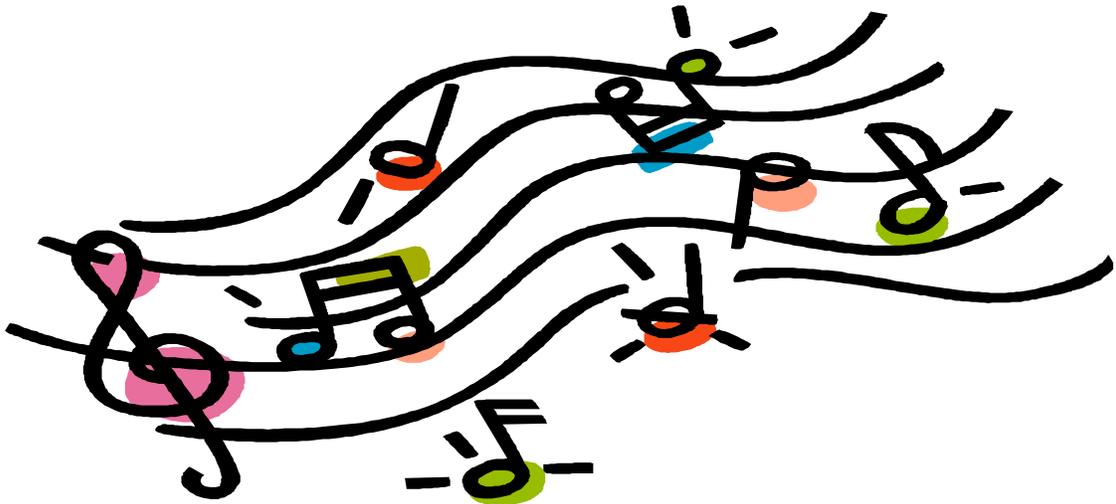
When: Sunday, September 19th

Time: 6:00-7:00

Where: Preschool Department
(4-year-old classroom)

Welcome Packet

- *Registration Form due Sept. 19th*
- *Rehearsal & Presentation Schedule*
- *T-Shirt Order Form due Sept. 19th*
- *Commitment Form due Sept. 19th*



Masterpiece Kids Choir *(2nd - 5th grade)*

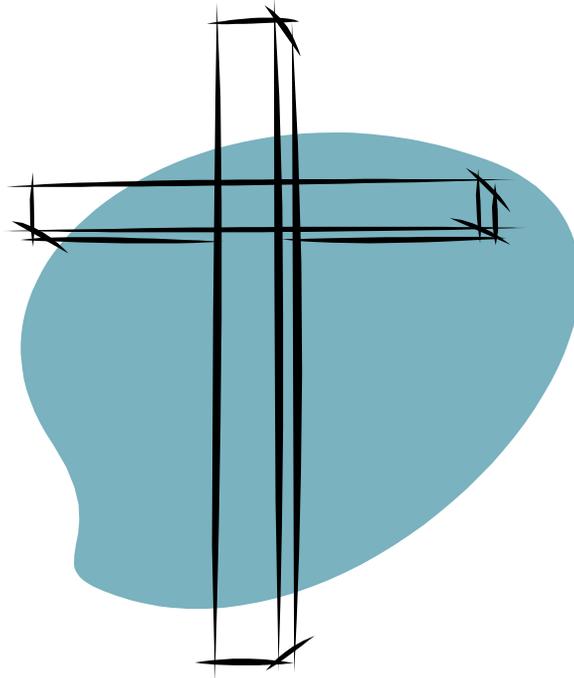
When: Sunday, September 19th

Time: 6:00 - 7:00

Where: Choir Room

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Set Apart Student Worship Team (6th - 12th grade)

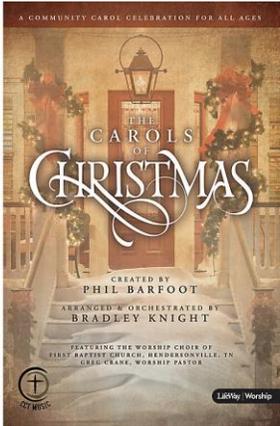
When: Wednesday, September 15th

Time: 5:30 - 6:30

Where: Sanctuary

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*******REHEARSAL SCHEDULE*******

for
“The Carols of Christmas”- 2021
 Presented on Saturday December 18th @ 3:00
 Sunday, December 19th @ 6:00

“Sanctuary Choir” Rehearsal Schedule

****Sunday Rehearsals for Christmas Musical 4:00pm – 4:45pm**

Regular Choir Rehearsal 4:45-5:30**

September 19	October 3	November 7
September 26	October 10	November 14
	October 17	<i>November 21 – No Rehearsal</i>
	October 24	November 28

December 5	Rehearsal with Set Apart
December 12	Dress Rehearsal with Set Apart
December 18	Christmas Musical @ 3:00
December 19	Christmas Musical @ 6:00

“Set Apart Student Worship Team” Rehearsal Schedule”

****Wednesday Rehearsals for Christmas Musical 5:30 – 6:00**

Regular Set Apart Rehearsal 6:00-6:30

(W) September 15	Rehearsal	(W) October 6	Rehearsal
(W) September 22	Rehearsal	(W) October 13	Rehearsal
(W) September 29	Rehearsal	(W) October 20	Rehearsal
		(W) October 27	Rehearsal
(W) November 3	Rehearsal		
(W) November 10	Rehearsal		
(W) November 17	No Rehearsal		
(W) <i>November 24</i>	<i>No Rehearsal</i>		

****DECEMBER SCHEDULE****

(W) December 1	Rehearsal @ 5:30
(S) December 5	Rehearsal w/ Sanctuary Choir @ 4:00
(W) December 8	Rehearsal @ 5:30
(S) December 12	Dress Rehearsal w/ Sanctuary Choir @ 4:00
(SAT) December 18	Christmas Musical Presentation @ 3:00
(S) December 19	Christmas Musical Presentation @ 6:00

****Christmas Eve service will be @ 5:00 pm on Friday, December**

The following is an excerpt from a compilation by the Rev. Dr. James N. Birkett, Sr. while serving as our interim pastor from January 10 to July 23, 2001.

WINN'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

It was July 4, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was signed by representatives of 13 colonies giving our nation freedom to seek, "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." There were seven from Virginia who signed that Declaration, but other things were happening in Virginia that year, too.

Winn's Baptist Church, then known as Chickahominy, was instituted, and declared to be a Baptist Church. This was a declaration of independence from the state church, The Church of England

More than 110 churches founded in that Persecution/Revival era still exist, and Winn's is one of them. Other churches have proliferated from these early churches. Three imprisoned and persecuted ministers, Walker, Harris and Read, were instrumental in founding this church, and Goochland Baptist Church was the mother church. The Church has had 40 ministers and three interim pastors. Some of them were student pastors from the University of Richmond in her better days, and there were times that Winn's was on a field of churches in which several churches shared one minister. Reverend Jeffrey Brauer became the church's 44th minister August 1, 2001.

The longest pastorate was that of Benjamin Bowles who served for 30 years from 1785 to 1815. The longest recent pastorates were those of Emmett D. Dunnevant, 1968 to 1974 and Charles B. Cooper, 1986 to 2000. 16 and 14 years respectively. Where we have found it possible in this history of Winn's Baptist Church, we have given as much biographical information as was available to us on each of the 44 ministers.

Not only was Winn's born in a time of national strife, but it was also a time of religious intolerance. Later, freedom of religion was gained with the addition of the 1st Amendment in the Bill of Rights This is a battle that is being fought all over again as Winn's approached her 225th anniversary, July 1st, 2001. We must again take our stand for Jesus Christ and the Bible! It was recently stated on authority that there were as many as 6000 court cases in the U. S. relating to religious liberty. There are several Christian legal organizations that are acting as watch dog groups for our eroding liberties and fighting to protect them. Among them are the following: The Center of Law and Justice, founded by Pat Robertson; the legal arm of the Jerry Falwell Ministries; The legal arms of the D. James Kennedy Ministries and that of the ministries of the Dr. James Dobson. The Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Virginia, is probably the oldest leader in the field. At this writing, things in this area have grown to such proportions that a Christian Bill of Rights is being introduced in the House of Representatives. Infringements range from zoning laws keeping individuals from having prayer meetings in their houses to the expulsion of prayer from school events and football games. The ACLU is attempting to get the Ten Commandments removed from the government property!

The church has had several buildings, the original having been built in 1776 and used until 1910. A new building was built in 1910, and classrooms were added in 1917. The parsonage was built in 1954, and the educational building was built in 1960. A new and beautiful sanctuary was dedicated in 1981. Now, 20 years later, we are pressed to provide additional space.

His Story at Winn's must necessarily include a large number of people who accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, the growth of the membership, the many funerals and weddings, the revivals, the Bible teaching classes and missionary outreach.

It is known that at least six of Winn's Baptist Church members have entered Christian service. There may be others, but known to us at this writing are Robert Melton, Steven Melton, Randy Pittman, Jimmy Newton, Douglas White, and Lori Cooper. Lori, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Charles Cooper, serves with Youth for Christ in Palm Beach County, Florida. She recently, at this August 2001 writing, led a group of young girls to Jamaica on a mission trip.

The needs grow as one new housing development has over 100 homes, a second is being constructed on part of the Caruthers farm, and 3000 acres, now available to contractors right across from our church, already have been set aside for new homes.

We must work while it is day. We must be ready and willing to serve the rising generations, Let's pray, assume whatever task Jesus Christ has for us individually at Winn's and put our hands to the plow so His Story continues here.

Why did three men dedicate themselves to suffering and imprisonment to plant Winn's Baptist Church? Was it worth it? If the church, this church, was that important then, a look at what the Bible says about the importance of the church should answer that question. We are told in God's Word, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." Hebrews 10:25.



Women's Bible Study

Wednesday night bible study will begin September 16th!!

Join us in rooms 108-109 at 6:30pm as
Karen Caskey leads us through the book of Daniel.

Please contact the Women's Ministry team with any questions.

(winnswomen@yahoo.com)



Young At Heart is back y'all!

After discussions in early summer on how to restart the program, Lori and I decided to simply welcome back our seniors with fried chicken and fellowship at our July 13 lunch. It was such a joy to see familiar smiling faces again. We had a devotion, good food and gave out door prizes.

In August our scheduled speaker from the Gideons unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute due to a family emergency. Thanks to Lori's resourcefulness following lunch we played "The Price is Right" and had active participation, fun, and lots of laughter.

Mike Dight will be our speaker for September to share the Gideon's mission. We'll provide BBQ from Jake's Place so bring a side dish or dessert and a friend as we reconnect. Hope to see you on Tuesday, September 14 at 11:30.

And don't forget to put YAH on your calendars for the second Tuesday of the month! On tap in the upcoming months, we'll have the Hanover Sheriff's office share information on how to protect ourselves from senior scams and singer Damien Miller.

2020 Luncheon Dates

Tuesday, September 14th

Tuesday, October 12th

Tuesday, November 9th

NO DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Good Morning Church, Family, & Friends:

There's a lot going on in the world right now. I have been asked a few times if I thought what we are witnessing today plays into End times prophecy. Usually I would say no, because there have been very difficult times for the US and the world prior to now, BUT Israel was not reconstituted as a nation until 1948 which was after WW2. There have been upheavals since that time, but not quite to the same degree as Hitler and before. But now we have one of the required puzzle pieces since 1948 in place that previously was required to happen prior to the end times. Since the highly questionable election that was held last November – the world has started to get the impression that the US may not be as strong as it used to be. And unfortunately, they're right! China is eyeing Taiwan; Putin is eyeing Ukraine. The Taliban just blitzkrieg-ed Afghanistan. And we are looking like we abandoned our post on the world stage. That leaves Israel as a point of curiosity. If the world believes that the US will shrink back – it will embolden our enemies and Israel will be targeted...eventually. When that happens, I think the clock starts ticking.

I am of the mindset that we will not be here for the majority of the Tribulation as Christians. There's no way we are here past Seal 6 and there's a lot of evidence that we won't be here through any of it. But there is an unspecified period of time PRIOR to the Tribulation in which we will be here, and it is not looking rosy. There are famines all across the globe! There have been multiple plagues of locusts. On a daily basis I get alerts from Alerts USA that state there's around major earthquake of 6, 7, 8+ magnitude around the globe. There are hundreds in the west that are very small, but they haven't been happening before like this.

I believe that we are in the beginning of that period of time for which there is no specific timeframe but will bring about the conditions that will lead to Israel being attacked and global government will come to their aid. And one of those 10 nations that will make up that cabal will have a leader that will rise in prominence and become the Anti-Christ.

I want to share with you Mark 13:8:

Mark 13:8

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.”

- nation rising against nation - check
- earthquakes in various places - check
- famines - check
- troubles – check
- In the Matthew 24 passage it adds “**pestilences**” – well Covid qualifies as a pestilence. – check.

Matthew 24:7-8 NKJV

(7) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, **pestilences**, and earthquakes in various places.

(8) All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Where are we on the grand timeline of the end times. Not sure, but this is either a type of dress rehearsal or could be inching closer to the real deal...

One thing that I am sure of though is this:

Psalms 103:19 NKJV

(19) The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules overall.

God is ultimately in control and is going to win!!! This life is not all that there is thankfully! No matter what happens here and now – Heaven awaits all who repent of their sin and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in Faith for the forgiveness of sins. Keep the faith! Carry on following Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us. We have a lot of work to do. Many people need to hear the Gospel. Be bold! Study God's Word. Pray without ceasing. Speak the truth in love and PREPARE.

I will end on a personal note. My Dad, who had quadruple bypass in 2013 just had a stent surgically implanted and it went awesome! He is feeling much, much better. Thank you for praying for him. My Mom's cancer surgery to remove her right kidney was postponed due to discovering that she has a heart abnormality. She has been tentatively rescheduled for August 30th, but they have to do a stress test and fix her heart before they can do her kidney and cancer removal. Please pray that both things can be done soon and that her cancer does not spread.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug

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OCC September Items Needed

Small Stuffed Animals

