

Winns' Messenger

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Kathy Rector

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, And with my SONG I will praise Him.”

Opportunities for YOU in the Music Ministry...

Little Lambs

Age 4 years – 1st Grade
Begins Sunday, Sept 15 @ 6:00
Preschool Department
Leaders: Mrs. Jennifer Stapleton and
Mrs. Brittany Rick

Masterpiece Kids

2nd Grade – 5th Grade
Begins Sunday, Sept 15 @ 6:00
Choir Room
Leaders: Mrs. Ellen Atkins and
Mrs. Carole West

Christmas Musical

*It's that time of year!! Come join us as we learn and prepare for our 2024 Christmas Musical,
“Hope Awakes in Bethlehem”!
If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, we would love to have you join us; all you have to do
is “SHOW UP”!
Rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept 15 @ 4:30 in the Sanctuary!*

Set Apart Student Worship Team

6th Grade – 12th Grade
Begins Wednesday, September 11 @ 5:30-6:30
At the Pavilion for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary
beginning Wednesday, September 18!
Leaders: Mrs. Kathy Rector and Mrs. Sharon Nunn Sept – Dec
New Leaders: Mrs. Donna Tomlinson and Ms. Jenny Stapleton – January 2025

Dear Church Family,

For many reasons, most people don't like change. And yet, as the saying goes, nothing is more constant than change. A lot of people mourn the passing of their child rearing years, (though some rejoice!). I remind parents that one of the goals of those years was to raise children to become responsible adults, that can get out and take their places in the church and society. So, mission accomplished! Besides, raising your own children is the path to having grandchildren!

As with so many things in life, handling change well is a matter of perspective. As seasons in life come and go, we should see them all as an adventure with our Father! If we are walking close to Him, we can see the good in each season and eagerly anticipate what may be coming as we journey together. While some seasons seem more pleasant than others, they are all part of our lives with Him and contribute in some way to who we are and what we become.

We are currently experiencing a season of change here at church. I've gone through a number of these in the 23 years that I have been shepherding this flock. While we are waving goodbye to longtime friends who are moving to other venues of service and fellowship, we are greeting new ones that God is sending our way. One exciting thing about those that God is sending our way, is that a number of them are coming in experiencing a genuine faith in Jesus for the first time! At our river baptism in August, we baptized 15 people, 13 of them were adults. Out of the 13, most were men!

God is building His team for the next season in our church's life and ministry. Each of us need to ask the question, "what role will I play as we move forward?". I think that the coming years will be both exciting and very productive.

So, be thankful for the past, enjoy the present, and eagerly anticipate the future. When lived for the Lord, our lives may be many things, but they will never be boring!

Loving the journey,
Pastor Jeff

Good morning church family!

I want to start out by thanking the Lord for the 15 people who got baptized at the river on 8/18! 13 of the 15 were adults and we had a lot of men who were baptized that day. It made my heart glad to see that! With very few faithful churches in our area, I am very thankful that Winns is holding the line! I wish that more like-minded churches existed here in Virginia, but sadly that's not been the case. That being said, we have a huge responsibility to not only be faithful to preaching the word, which we are, but also to personally be reaching those that we come across for Jesus! We need to seek every opportunity to shine for Jesus in our everyday lives. Not for our own recognition, but so that the world may know Jesus like we do! We all need to speak up for Jesus. Pray for opportunities to represent Him and He will provide those for you. Do it in His strength, having full confidence in His power. Be praying that God will bless us and make us all that He wants us to be for His kingdom. We must be faithful to being in the Word and diligent to living what God said out in our own lives. Don't let the devil distract you – focus on the Lord. With the world growing less favorable towards Christianity and with all the uncertainty of world affairs there's a lot of uneasiness today in peoples' hearts – but you can rest assured that we have nothing to fear! We have the answer in Jesus and others need to know about Him and what a difference that He has made in our lives so that they can see that there's hope for all in Jesus Christ.

James 1:22 NKJV

(22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

I am excited that our school year youth schedule is about to kick off in mid-September! I've been mapping out the weeks, planning events, etc. And the thing that I'm most excited about and also most humbled by is the time I get to pour God's truth into the hearts of our Students! We are making a real difference in the lives of our students, and I want you to join with me in praying that God accomplishes a mighty revival in all our hearts. That's my prayer for our church as well. We all need to be ready to shine for Jesus and not give an inch to the enemy. Be faithful and pray.

Keep your eyes on the prize! Your race is not against anyone else. You just do your part by being faithful and let God handle the rest!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug

September News



A great big THANK YOU to all those who said, “yes to VBS this year.” We had a wonderful team of volunteers which was evident each and every night. God blessed us with many opportunities to share His love and truth with the children and youth that attended.



AWANA registration is open!

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Starting September 11th

Games, Theme Nights, Friends, and JESUS!

Awana is for children 3 years old (before September 30 and potty trained) through 6th grade.

AWANA SCHEDULE 2024-25

September	8 Register By 10% off cost	11 First Night of Awana	18 Regular Club	25 Regular Club	
October	2nd Regular Club	9 Backwards Night	16 Regular Club	23 Regular Club	30 No Club
November	6 USA Red, White Blue	13 Regular Club	20 Regular Club	27 No Club Thanksgiving	
December	4 Regular Club	11 Awana Store Sparks	18 Awana Store T&T	25 No Club Christmas Break	
January	1 No Club Christmas Break	8 Regular Club	15 Dress Your Leader	22 Regular Club	29 Regular Club
February	5 Regular Club	12  NO CLUB	19 Beach Night	26 Regular Club	Sat. 15th Grand Prix
March	5 Regular Club	12 Bible Hero's	19 Regular Club	26 Regular Club	
April	2 No Club Spring Break	9 Regular Club	16 Love Your Leader	23 Regular Club	30 Regular Club
May	7 Regular Club	14 Gift Card 	21 Awards Night		

Informational Calendar 2024-2025

September

2nd Office Closed Labor Day
4th Women's Ministry FH (Churchwide Movie)
11th Wednesday Night Activities Resume

October

30TH **No Wednesday Activities**
31st Fall Festival

November

27th No Wednesday Activities

December

14th 3pm Christmas Musical Presentation
15th 6pm Christmas Musical Presentation
24th 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25th No Wednesday Activities

January

1st No Wednesday Activities
8th Wednesday Activities Resume

For 10 Weeks beginning Friday, August 16th – Friday October 25th Bible Study at the Pavilion. Hailey Brauer and Paige Rath hosting.

WEEKLY

- **Monday pm (FH) American Heritage and Trail Life**
- **Tuesday 9am Men's Prayer (108-109) & Women's Prayer (112)**
- **2nd Tuesday (FH) 11am Young at Heart**
- **Wednesday's Set-Apart, Awana, Women's Bible Study (108 & 109)
Men's Ministry Meeting at Yellow House, Youth**
- **1st & 3rd Thursday (FH) 4H**
- **Saturday pm AA (Yellow House)**



FALL WORD SEARCH

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NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER

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HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER

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CANDY

HAYRIDE

RAKE

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For the month of September , we will be collecting
“Small Stuffed Animals.”
Items can be placed in the bin at the “Welcome Center.”