

# Winns' Messenger

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***MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....It's time for a P-A-R-T-Y!!!!***

*Our Annual Shoebox Party is just around the corner!  
On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon we will be packing  
over 2,000 shoeboxes to send to children all around the world!*

*There will be one service on this day at 10:30!  
(No Sunday School or Nursery)*

*After a time of warm worship with our families, we will head  
down to the Fellowship Hall and work together to fill boxes!*

*It's going to be an exciting day!! Hope to see many of you  
there!!*

# Operation Christmas Child Winn's Baptist Church.....THANK YOU!

Below are a few pictures of what it takes to pack over 2,000 shoeboxes!!

Patrick keeps our OCC room in order! Every week he goes downstairs and spends hours keeping this room organized and items counted!! Thank you, Patrick!

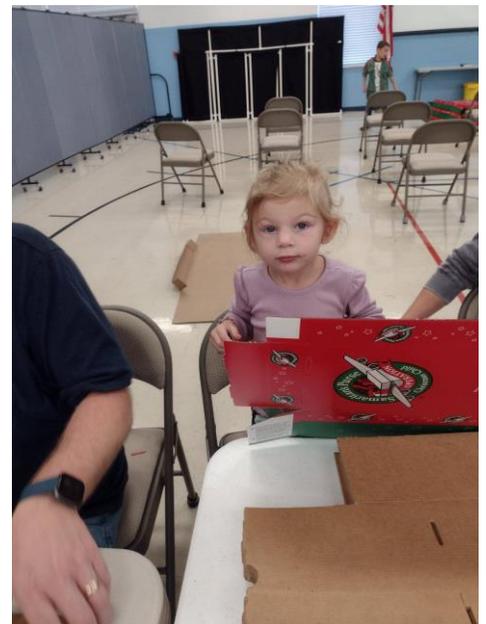
Ms. Ginny, Mrs. Barbara, and Mrs. Melledy go the extra mile on making dresses, shorts, tote bags and little head bands for the children! Not only are they made with a lot of LOVE, but each item has been prayed over!! Thank you, Ms. Ginny, Ms. Barbara, and Ms. Melledy; what a blessing you are to us and to OCC!!

A huge shout out to our American Heritage Girls and Trail Life for once again putting the 2,000 shoeboxes together for our party!! I don't know what we would do without them! YOU GIRLS and GUYS ROCK!!! THANK YOU!!

And a very special thank you to our congregation that gets behind this wonderful ministry year after year!! The items, money, and time that you donate each month are so greatly appreciated; we truly could not do this without YOU!! Your support of Operation Christmas Child is making a HUGE difference in a child "somewhere"!

Looking forward to an exciting day on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>!











Dear Church Family,

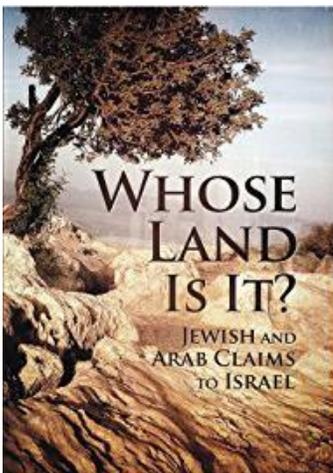
I make it a point not to major on minors. I don't nit-pick, and I'm not easily offended. But as we approach Thanksgiving Day, I encourage you to refrain from calling it Turkey Day. I promise not to call you out if you use the phrase in my hearing, but please take a minute with me to consider the matter. First, we live in a country that has had several nationwide calls to give thanks to God, and for some time now has observed it as a national holiday. With so much and so many against our faith these days, why would we take anything away from that?

And then there's the fact that the very name of the holiday reminds us of something that we should all be doing all the time anyway. Most of us don't need to be reminded to eat; but a reminder to give thanks, or celebrate giving thanks, is always a good thing.

I'm personally less bothered by "happy holidays" at Christmas than I am "turkey day" at Thanksgiving. At least with Christmas, there are a couple of holidays bunched together, considering New Year's Day, and for many, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve. Thanksgiving is a stand-alone holiday, all by itself, with one purpose. Wishing others, a happy Thanksgiving gives us many opportunities to tack on a sentence or two of testimony, even in the briefest encounters.

Anyone living in our country has something to be grateful for. Those of us who are children of the King, have so very much for which to be thankful. Let's lean toward Thanksgiving with gratitude in our hearts and on our lips. May our greetings always be a reminder to others to do the same!

Forever grateful,  
Pastor Jeff



It's the oldest land dispute in history: for centuries, both Jews and Arabs have claimed to be the rightful owners of the land of Israel. So, whose land is it? (Hint, Gen 15:7-8, 18-19)

CBN's Gordon Robertson examines the facts behind both the Jewish and Arab claims.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, November 8 for turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing, then watch this interesting documentary.

In His service,  
Vivian Denton

# SAVE THE DATE !!

Dads and Granddads make plans to bring your family and build a manger together. Each family will receive a complete kit to build their own manger. You will also receive a book with activities to help you as you take Spiritual leadership of teaching God's truth to your families this Christmas.

## Saturday, December 10th



Good morning, Church family,

I want to encourage you to not get swept up in the political hype in the media, especially when it comes to poll numbers. They are notoriously misleading on purpose. They are designed to create an atmosphere that pollsters and their allies want the country to feel, instead of accurately gauging reality. And it's not just our country that has this problem. Recently in Brazil that had a primary election for President and the polls showed the incumbent extremely behind, but when election day came, he was close enough to call for a run-off election. I say all that to say this – do not let others think for you or influence you. You need to vote no matter what! We know that politics are not the ultimate answer, but they are either helpful or detrimental to the way things work. It is important to have godly, constitutional office holders that will rule in righteousness. Be praying for our country and be responsible and vote in all elections. We want to see righteousness reign, and that can't happen if we abdicate the public square. We need godly people in positions of power.

You may have noticed that everything is getting much more expensive than it was a year or two ago. That's because prices have risen due to inflation 20% to 40%, and some higher than that. Plan on that continuing throughout 2023 if things stay the same that they are right now, (which is doubtful). On October 16<sup>th</sup> China held its national congress to re-elect Xi to an historic 3<sup>rd</sup> term. What's odd about that is they moved it up its date by a month for some reason. And I think I know the reason – the South China Sea, where Taiwan is, has very conducive weather for nautical operations (including invading an island) from October through December, before it gets much more difficult due to seasonal weather patterns. Our military is publicly stating that they believe that China will go after Taiwan in the next 2 months. When that happens, either now or later, all the goods that we receive from China will cease immediately! And much of the rest of Asian exports will not come through a war zone either. That being said, access to the level of goods we get from Amazon, Walmart, Target, etc. will be greatly reduced because imports will be threatened. **PLAN NOW ACCORDINGLY.** I would recommend getting socks, shoes, and under garments for the next couple years asap. As well as anything else that you may want or need that is made overseas – which is 86% of goods that Americans can purchase.

Also, a word on the interest rates rising so quickly: It's on purpose for two reasons: 1.) to combat inflation by destroying demand, by lowering the money supply. And 2.) America is engaging in financial warfare to protect the US Dollar, even against allied nations. This is very risky – it is damaging all the economies of the world, even our own, but it is intended to create an economic crisis elsewhere so the USA can hedge against its effects here. The US Dollar was threatened by China, Russia, and competing baskets of currencies like BRICS and BRICS+. (Brazil, Russia, India, China, & South Africa). They want to bring America down a notch or two and are developing financial policies to dethrone the US Dollar as the world reserve currency. They can't do it easily, but they started – so the Federal Reserve declared war on their currencies by raising interest rates, which makes their loans cost more and it is going to keep going until it neutralizes the perceived threats against our dollar. That being said – interest rates are NOT coming down anytime soon, and if they ever do it will never return to the previous low levels. They say we are at the basement right now of rates. Even in the face of a certain economic recession, they are motivated to keep going. So, hold on tight and get out of debt!

The Bible says in Revelation that inflation will be a significant challenge during the last days. A day's wages will buy little food:

**Revelation 6:6 NKJV**

(6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

I do think we are in the last times, but not necessarily on the verge of Revelation 6 territory. I only told you that so that you would start looking at trends. Financial considerations are in prophecy, as well as a cashless society where you have to have a certain "mark" to conduct transactions. This doesn't have to be in our time at all, but you can easily see how things can quickly shape up to fulfill prophecy.

What should we do as believers? Stay faithful to God and live your life as an example of how it is to love and follow Jesus. Let the peace of God be evident in your life to others. Be sure to show the love of Jesus to the saved and lost alike. Share your faith. Be faithful to being part of the family of God and being physically in church. Prepare for hard times and shine for Jesus during them. It's all going to be okay with Jesus as our Lord and Savior!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug



**Upcoming events**

**Service Project for Homebound Ministry**

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Rooms 108-109

**Women's Christmas Party A Faith-filled Family Christmas**

Thursday, December 1st

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Winn's Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of celebration as we take a break from the busyness of the season to celebrate Christmas together.

More details coming soon

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# Shoe Box Party!!

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