

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

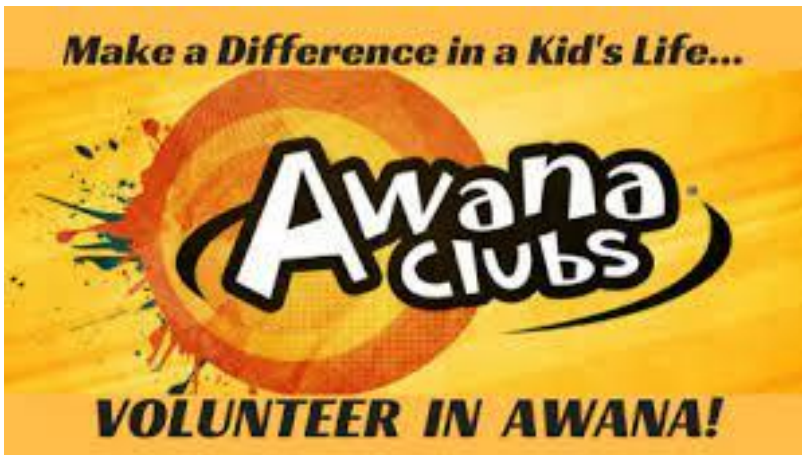
This August marks 25 years since I have been pastoring this church. I've always liked the mantra *Bloom where you are planted*. I've never subscribed to the idea of a pastor as a professional who should look for opportunities to lead larger and more influential churches. I told those who were members of this family at the time that I was considering the possibility of serving here, that if they wanted to go all out for the Lord that I could lead them to do that. They brought me in with the understanding that that was truly what they wanted to do.

It's been a bumpy ride, with many ups and downs, and enduring times of pruning. We've had some seasons where we seemed to be truly going all out for the Lord, only to have the forward momentum stopped by some successful attack from, or infiltration by, the evil one. But there were always key elements within the church that were willing to press on. As long as that was the case, then I've been willing to lead them in that effort.

As I conclude 25 years of service in this capacity at Winn's, I believe we are in the best position yet, in the time that I have been here, to push onward and upward in His name. It's not that the attacks won't come, but that we have the spiritual maturity and strength to overcome them and keep pressing on.

I will continue to lead as long as I am capable of doing it well, and you are still on board. I trust as we move together, with a biblical mindset and spirit, that He will do great and mighty things in us and through us. I live to love and serve Him. Loving and serving you is a big part of that. It's unlikely that we'll have yet another 25 years together, but whatever time we do have, let's make the most of it!

Gratefully Yours,
Pastor Jeff



AWANA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday evenings beginning
September 9, 2026

AWANA LEADER MEETING
(Chick Fil A dinner included)
August 19, 2026
6:30pm

- Do you have a love for God and His Word?
- Do you have compassion for kids of all ages?
- Do you have a desire for a disciple-making ministry?
- Do you like to have fun?

Sign up here to join our AWANA ministry team.

[AWANA LEADER FORM](#)



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30-8:00pm
STARTING SEPTEMBER 9TH**

CUBBIES - 3 & 4 YEARS OLD (Must be 3 by Sept. 30th
and be potty trained)

SPARKS - KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE

T & T (Truth & Training) 3RD - 6TH GRADE

Registration folders will be available in the foyer soon!!

Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed!
2 Timothy 2:15

Overcoming the Fear Factor in Evangelism

Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair



What's your biggest fear? If you're like most people, public speaking probably ranks near the top of the list. The symptoms can begin long before you ever stand in front of an audience, causing anxiety, over-preparation, procrastination, or even avoiding these opportunities altogether.

For Christians, fear can also keep us from initiating what may be the most important conversation someone will ever have. Every believer has a testimony, yet many of us freeze when it comes to sharing our faith. We worry about being rejected, looking foolish, not having answers to difficult questions, damaging relationships, or simply creating an awkward moment.

The International Mission Board (IMB) has a proven track record of preparing missionaries to communicate the gospel clearly while remaining faithful to Scripture. During the third week of the International Learning Center's Field

Personnel Orientation (FPO) course, participants receive practical evangelism training designed to build confidence in leading people to Christ.

Earlier this year, we saw firsthand how effective this training can be. Our adopted FPO class shared the gospel with 449 people throughout the Richmond area. As a result, 20 people professed faith in Christ, and 102 others expressed an interest in learning more.

What if you could learn those same practical techniques for your own mission field?

Now you can!

On **Saturday, September 5**, FPO teams from the International Learning Center will be at Winn's to lead a beginner-friendly evangelism workshop. Using one simple, practical tool, they will help participants become more comfortable and confident sharing their faith in everyday conversations.

Through interactive discussion, real-life examples, and hands-on practice, you'll learn foundational evangelism skills in a welcoming and supportive environment. Whether you've never shared the gospel or simply want to grow in confidence, this training is an excellent place to begin.

We don't have to be clever or eloquent for God to use us effectively. As we pray for opportunities, practice with one another, and faithfully share the good news, God is able to work through our simple obedience.

Mark your calendar to join us for **Winn's Evangelism Training** on **Saturday, September 5**. A sign-up sheet with additional details will be available in the foyer. For more information, contact **Barbara Bowen**.

Good morning, Church Family!

We have VBS next week and I'm really excited about it! I got to see the sign up for my 5th through 7th grade class and there were 6 new names on it! It's always great to have the opportunity to reach new people for Jesus. Please pray for everything concerning VBS: people to hear and understand and respond to the Gospel, the weather being favorable, safety, etc. Thanks so much!

The River Baptism is coming up in a few weeks on August 16th and if you or anybody you know would like to get baptized, please let us know and we can meet and go over the details. There are a good number of people getting baptized, but we always have room for more!

Our next Youth event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th. More details to follow on the timing, but please save the date. We have had multiple requests for another Nerf War, and I think that's good choice with the temps and erratic weather to plan something stable indoors that everyone will love it!

In the past, I used to share tips and ideas for you all to consider in the area of personal preparedness. It's been a while since I've done that, but something in the news sparked my interest recently and I think it's time for another article on this. It is important for you to think through the things that we take for granted everyday such as electricity, running water, gasoline being available at the pumps, etc. and realize that when a storm comes through, or there is a shortage, or a national emergency – you will still need a backup of sorts, to bridge the gap, until things get back to normal. Right now, in Lousia, where I live, there are hundreds of people without water in their wells. It's partially due to the extreme drought that central VA is experiencing, but they are also building a data center nearby and even though it is not yet operational, the water table seems to be affected greatly. Last winter our well ran dry daily so we had to get a deep well instead, and thankfully we now have plenty of water while the electricity is on but others with shallow wells do not. We all need a "Water Plan." Let me ask you a question: "If your city water was to stop running, or become unsafe, are you knowledgeable enough to source water and properly treat it in order to have some water that will be safe to drink?" You should research that topic if you haven't. Do you have any water on hand for an emergency? You should. If you are on well water and the power goes out; how will you get water? Just a few things to think about. We all have water and don't think twice about it most of the time, but it's a vital resource and thinking ahead can turn an "emergency" into just an "inconvenience" instead of a "crisis." Of course, Winns has emergency power and deep wells so you can always come get water here, but what will you put it in? They make 5 gallon water totes that are convenient and are stackable, they are about \$20 each. If they make 2.5- gallon ones and you have a hard time picking up 42 pounds, then get those instead. Remember water weighs 8.34lbs./gallon. I still need to get a generator that will do 240v so I can use my well during a power outage myself. I've known that for a while, but I need to pull the trigger on that. Research, make a plan, and act on it. Remember, when we are squared away, we can be there for others and minister more effectively to them in Jesus' name!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug



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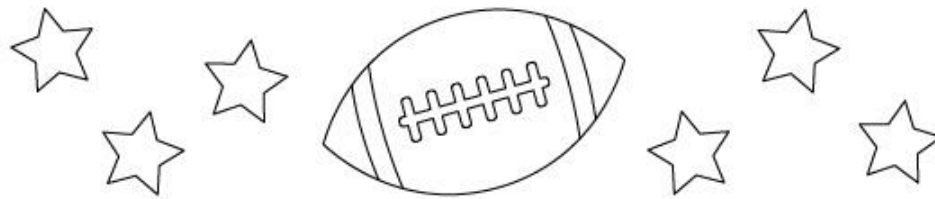
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