

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

In May, we have a well-deserved holiday on which most of us will honor our mothers in some way. Most females are born with hard wiring, put there by our Creator, that inclines them toward being excellent mothers. Those that follow God's guidelines on how to go about it, have an indelible effect on those that they bring into the world and raise.

Though my father was the godly leader of our family, who lived out "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord," my mother played a large role in showing us what it was like to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

And there's that gift they have when it comes to making their children feel better about things. When I was very young, I came to the realization that I had a very large noggin. I don't know whether I had been taunted, or just noticed the fact while looking in the mirror. While I don't remember that part of it, I do remember going to Mama with the issue. You may wonder what a mother could possibly do to help a child with an oversized head? She certainly couldn't make it any smaller! Don't underestimate a mother when it comes to her children! She began by telling me that God made my head big so that it could hold extra brains. Though evidence to confirm that hypothesis never really materialized, it sure made me feel better at the time. She followed that up by saying, "you wouldn't want a little grapefruit head like some of the kids have, would you?." Well, needless to say that though I left that conversation with the same sized head that I started it with, I walked away with a completely different perspective.

That's a fun story from my distant past. I'm sure that most people have fond memories of Mama turning things around for them, because they are inclined to do so, and they're good at it!

Whatever you might do to honor your mother this month, make sure that it is obviously heart felt, after all, that's a good description of how they brought us into the world and continue to invest in us.

Praising God for mothers,
Pastor Jeff



God's glory and majesty are on full display in our daily lives. From a breathtaking sunrise to epic mountains to the sound of rippling river water or ocean waves to the animals God created to serve us.

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.”
(Gen 1:24)

Genesis 1:26 goes on to tell us that God made mankind to rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.

In biblical times animals were used as sacrifices, food, and field labor. No longer needed as a sacrifice because of Jesus' Crucifixion, and technology replacing the need for most labor, today's animal uses range from simply providing companionship as a pet, farm animals raised for food, and service animals like seeing-eye dogs. Also in service are the horses at the Wings of Hope Ranch, a Christian-based ministry pairing rescued horses with children and teens facing challenges.

On May 14, 2024, Elizabeth Pace, Development Director for the Wings of Hope Ranch, will share the ranch's mission and updates on the facility's activities and goals. Lunch starts at 11:30 am with a short devotional, and we'll provide subs from Subway. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share and hope you can join us!

In His Service,
Vivian & Lori

“In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”(Job 12:10)

WINGS *of* HOPE
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CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE IN THE WORKS!!

**“WOW” (Winn’s on Wednesday’s) is coming soon!!!
Starting Wednesday June 26TH**

Rising 1st - 5th grade students meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time of devotion, crafts, and play!

CHECK OUT SOME OF THE WOW FUN FROM LAST YEAR!



CONTACT MRS. DANA – dosborne@winnsbc.org or 804-347-5229 with any questions.



TERRIFIC TUESDAY DATES ARE HERE!!

JULY 2nd

JULY 9TH

JULY 16TH

JULY 23rd

JULY 30TH

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD COMPLETING 1ST – 7TH GRADE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR THE INFORMATION BOOKLETS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.



Women's Ministry

You Were Made for Mission

Women's Luncheon

Guest speaker - Donna Paulk
(former SBCV Women's Ministry Leader)

Saturday, May 18th | 9:30a - 1:00p

Cost \$10



Register at Welcome Center
April 28, May 5 & 12

Good morning, Church family,

I saw something on PBS recently that really bothered me. There is a show that Ciara really liked called: "Pinkalicious." It was a cute little show about a girl who loves the color pink and likes to pretend a lot. PBS has been free from the LGBTQ+ radical agenda up to recently, but no more unfortunately. Thankfully, Kimberly overheard what was being discussed and let me know after turning it off for the last time. This show portrayed a neighborhood kid as being from a family with two dads. It wasn't necessary at all; they were intentionally seeking to corrupt young minds into accepting perversion as normal. This is very dangerous stuff! Because they slip it in a very young children's show that has been solid for years, so parents have grown to trust it, and the kids watching it have no idea that what they are absorbing is wrong and against the will of God. I say that to say this – THE DEVIL IS AFTER THE HEARTS OF YOUR CHILDREN – SO BEWARE! I am really surprised that the gay agenda has been so readily accepted in America. It only did so through attrition. It starts with going after the hearts of young people and they grow up and teach the next generation. That's where we are currently. Parents, you have to be on the top of your game and guard your children's hearts and more than that – you have to actively instruct them biblically so that they will know what God said is right and what is wrong. You cannot assume that past performance in any area such as PBS viewership is a guarantee of future performance. God told us to stay away from worldly influences, and it was kind of hard to discern what qualified as worldly or not. Well, that trend is changing very quickly. It is becoming more self-evident every day. Do your part to protect those that don't yet know the Word and be heavily involved in screening out the satanic propaganda that they are exposed to on media devices, such as cellphones, TV, Youtube, Social Media, internet access, movies, etc. Be very careful about the age you let your children have a cellphone. That's a gateway that they're not wired to handle yet. It causes a lot of damage to teens and children. Use parental controls. Monitor who and what is on their devices. Talk to your children and pray with them. Study the Word together. Seek to influence their hearts before the world does.

There are a few current events that I wanted to address this month as well: 1.) The U.S. abstained from vote at the UN recently where we could have vetoed a resolution that attempted to force a cease-fire on Israel over Gaza. It passed because we intentionally stood aside! Thankfully, Israel didn't abide by the foolish edict, but there's another vote on the horizon at the U.N. proposing official statehood to Palestine which would in essence delegitimize Israel as a nation. This is a very dangerous territory folks! Because God blesses us because we honor Genesis 12:3:

Genesis 12:3 NKJV

(3) I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The moment that we as a nation stop protecting/supporting Israel – I firmly believe that we will lose the divine protection afforded us in the past. If this keeps going on the same trajectory and we do not step in something is going to happen that will lead to a strongman from Europe coming on the scene to rescue Israel and he will guarantee a 7-year peace deal. Sound familiar? While I do not believe that we will be here for the Tribulation, things are really starting to shape up in a way that something has to give at some point and it's not in our favor. Make sure that you are right with God and pray for the nation of Israel.

In the last month Iran mounted an attack on Israel. With the help of the US and UK they were able to shoot down over 99.2% of the cruise missiles and suicide drones launched in an attack on them. Of course, David's Sling and the Iron Dome rocked in their capacity as well. Israel had previously warned Iran that an attack that originated from Iranian territory would receive a physical attack on Iran as a response. Well, they kept their word! Israel attacked Iran without the help of the US a few days after and were successful in attacking targets deep within Iran. They proved that they can strike at will inside Iran and that Iran cannot stop them. It was a very measured strike. I was expecting them to hit their nuclear facilities and oil refineries, but they didn't. It appears to be a tit for tat that has reached its conclusion. Hopefully, that is the case! This comes after Israel killed multiple high ranking Iranian officials in a consulate in Syria recently as well as the 3 sons and 3 grandsons of Hamas' leader on neutral ground. I think it is safe to say that Israel isn't playing around! There is still the campaign to rid the city of Raffa of Hamas in southern Gaza still to accomplish. Pray for Israel and that they can root out the terrorists in their territory. Some have criticized Israel for such a strong response. I do not fault them at all. They were the ones who were attacked on October 7th. I won't even repeat what those monsters did to women, children, and the elderly... But this is war. A war that Israel did not start but has every right to finish! You don't get to attack a nation and that get bothered that they take you to the mat as a result. It simply doesn't work that way! This is for their survival, and they know it. Stand with Israel.

It's all going to be okay, God's got this! Don't ever doubt Him!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug

AND...HERE'S REAGAN!!!

As many of you already know, we have finally welcomed our new puppy, Reagan, into our family; we couldn't be happier!! I have been told, by several, that Reagan has some "big paws" to fill...I'm pretty sure he's up to the challenge😊

Our grands are absolutely in love with him! Although all have not met him yet, Krozby and Pepper will be meeting him after this article has been sent out😊

We are blessed beyond measure! Not with just a puppy, but with a healthy, happy, wonderful life and family; something we don't take lightly or for granted!! God is so good!

Couldn't do life without HIM!
Mrs. Kathy









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For the month of May, we will be collecting “Plastic Cups or Bowls.”
Items can be placed in the bin at the “Welcome Center.”

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