

# Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

Many of our people are facing difficulties, challenges, and adversity. We know about a lot of them, but I'm sure there are many people that few, if anyone, knows about their challenges. I've noted in our services recently that our church family does a good job of coming alongside those who are having a tough time. It's been said that in the midst of a fellowship of sincere believers, that joys are multiplied, and sorrows are divided. So true! Whether we are bucking a head wind because of our own situation, or because we have truly identified with a struggling brother or sister, the experience can be overwhelming. During these times, there are two portions of scripture that both comfort me and enable me to soldier on. The first is a quote from Psalm 61, verse 2- "*When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I*". When it all just becomes too much for us, we must find comfort and safety in the same place a child does-in our Father's arms!

The second is from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, verse 24- "*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*" Trying to bear the load of our adversity months or years ahead can crush us emotionally and discourage us. Jesus, who loves us very much, broke it down into doable segments; we call it a day. It is irresponsible to not plan for the future, but it is assuming God is irresponsible to be devastated by it. We don't have to solve the big problem right now. We don't have to bear the weight of the entire battle today. All we have to do is live faithfully today. That's it! Each day, just today!

So, as you suit up, mount up, and head into battle, remember that God is with you, and that you only have to be a good soldier today! What a wise and loving God we serve!

Counting on Him daily,  
Pastor Jeff



CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE IN THE WORKS!!

"WOW" (Winn's on Wednesday's) is coming soon!!!  
Starting Wednesday June 28<sup>TH</sup>

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](mailto:dosborne@winnsbc.org) or 804-347-5229 with any questions.



**TERRIFIC TUESDAY DATES ARE HERE!!**

*July 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*July 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*July 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*August 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*August 15<sup>th</sup>*

10am - 2pm

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

## “Who Will Go for Us? Here Am I. Send Me!”

The number seven is highly significant in scripture, representing completion and perfection, healing, and fulfillment of oaths. The length of William and Tina Word’s recent mission trip to India is also notable because the seven-day journey represented a promise kept.

Pastor Mindi has made regular visits to Virginia and has eagerly awaited an opportunity to give us a closer look at the work his team is doing for the kingdom. That window opened as CLC Ministries prepared to dedicate a new church building constructed with Winn’s funding. When they asked for a church representative to participate in the ceremony, the Words answered the call.

During their seven-day trip, William and Tina shared their testimonies, offered updates on our ministries/activities and distributed gifts and messages of encouragement for the Mindi family and team of ministers who are spreading the gospel at great personal risk.

If you weren’t able to attend one of the April 16 morning services, please reach out to Kathy Rector to request a DVD of their presentation. The video, photos and stories from the trip will be a blessing and a reminder of why we give to support this long-term mission partner.



***The following devotion was recently shared at our Young at Hearts luncheon a couple of weeks ago....what a great reminder!!WHAT IS IT WITH OUR CULTURE AND COMFORT?***

As I write this devotional, I am admittedly sitting in a beautiful, extremely comfortable Bed and Breakfast Inn in the mountains of Colorado. The temperature has been perfect, the food has been delicious, and the serene, quiet environment has been pristine. Quite a change from my usual hustle and bustle. And I've loved every minute of it.

But I *know* this is only temporary...or do I?

**We must admit that our American culture is one that has simply become obsessed with comfort.**

Waiting rooms are filled with, often, only a barista short of a coffee bar. Dental offices use the name "comfort" in their business name. Car dealerships offer you snacks and chilled beverages as they try to convince you which vehicle will bring the most comfort to you or your family.

I was genuinely surprised when a Computer salesperson offered my children, (not just me), beverages. They had apple juice, cranberry juice, and some other kind of punch as well.

They had thought of everything. Instead of having my little impatient ones be the reason I could walk out without a purchase for the day (because they were clearly getting tired and cranky), they could now sit on comfy couches and sip sugary drinks. All of this while I continued to have a conversation about a computer that I probably didn't need. BUT this new computer was better and had more conveniences than the one I had at home.

Comfort sells. And you can sell comfort. You can't really do that with discomfort. Can you imagine a hotel concierge telling you that in an effort to truly provide you with a great morning "pick me up" they elected to provide only ice-cold showers to guests because "cold showers provide a much more riveting awakening experience than hot ones?!"

What if your dentist tried to promote his business as one of the most "uncomfortable experiences of your life" and that you should tell others about it because it was simply more realistic?

***YOU GET THE POINT.***

But this is what breaks my heart as I look at Christians in our culture. How often have we pursued the same comforts in church people or a church building that we do with everything else? How often have we sought out the sermons that don't make us "too uncomfortable"?



## ***JESUS NEVER CALLED HIS DISCIPLES INTO SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO BE COMFORTABLE.***

In fact, He said the opposite.

Luke 9:57-58 says, “**57** As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” **58** And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

Jesus made sure that this person knew that there wasn't a nice church building they could minister out of and come back to at night. They weren't going to stay in the nice synagogues that the Pharisees and Sadducees chose to minister out of.

Rather, Jesus made it clear that they were going to get uncomfortable – that they were clearly going to be stepping out of their comfort zone. Jesus's invitation was to pick up their cross and follow him. It is our invitation as well.

worship services that don't ask us to give up our lives for Christ Jesus will not actually lead us to Jesus at all. Rather, they lead us to simply being a disciple of COMFORT and convenience.

When real life trials happen, COMFORT disciples end up wondering what is happening to them. Their peace leaves them. They think about pulling away from church (because “this” isn't what they signed up for).

When we believe our Christianity is primarily about our comfort and being affirmed, our faith is stunted – and Satan loves when God's people are only along for the ride when things are going well.

### **CONSIDER JOB...**

Satan accused Job of being faithful, joyful, and devoted solely because all things were going well for him. Yet, through the next season of Job's life, the reader can see that Job's faithfulness to God was not something simply attached to comfort. It was something that sustained him for the long haul. This faithfulness cannot be achieved until you step out of your comfort zone and be faithful to do what God has asked you to do.

It doesn't take a mature Christian, much less a Christian, to express gratitude and thankfulness when “all things seem to be working out for them.”

*Yet, when Christians can truly face things like discomfort, trials, hardships, and sufferings and actually be led more fully into the everlasting comfort of the Father because **of those things, then we can express a joy that the world cannot attain.*** This is because it is a joy that is yoked to something the world could never give.

Apostle Paul spoke about comfort to the Corinthian Church:

**2 Corinthians 1:5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.**

TITUS 2:3-4

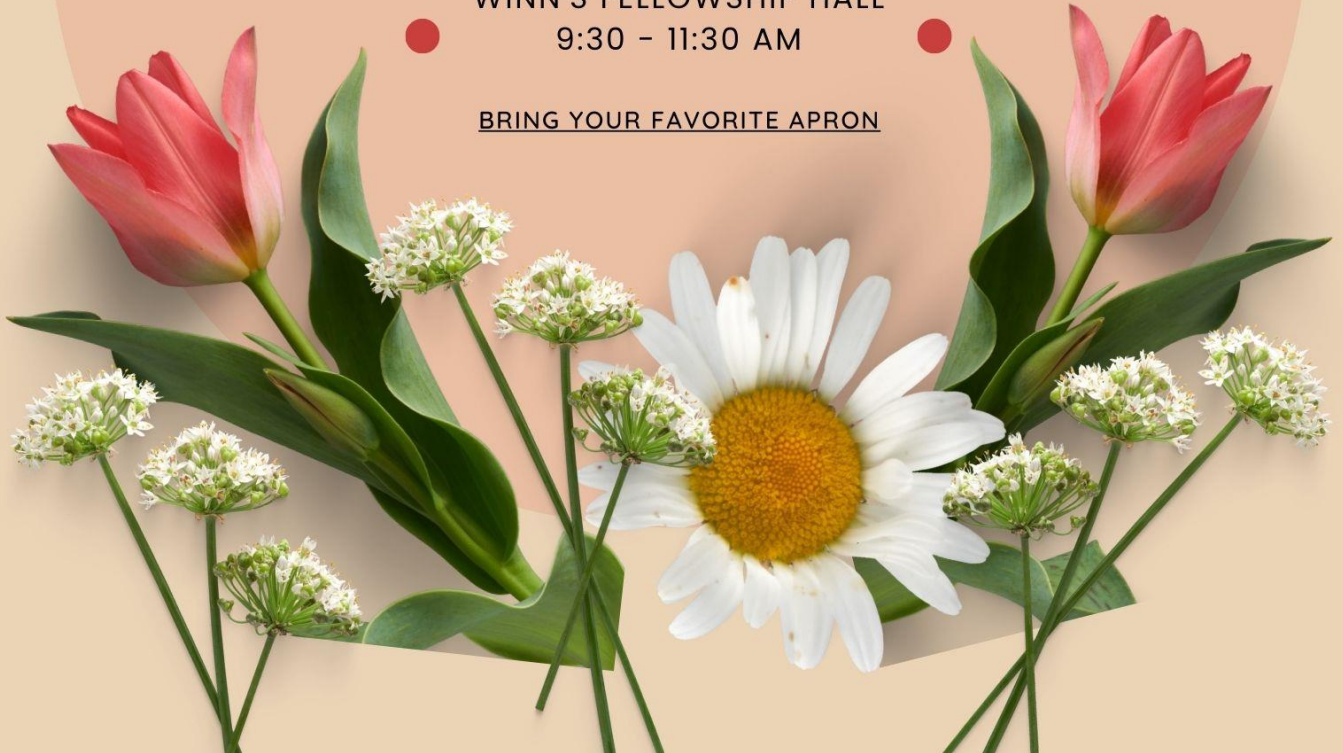
# The Ties that Bind

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WOMEN'S BRUNCH  
SATURDAY MORNING

13 MAY 2023

WINN'S FELLOWSHIP HALL  
9:30 - 11:30 AM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE APRON



Good morning, Church Family:

We have had a lot of great stuff happening at Winns this Spring! Our Father/Son retreat was a huge success! You could really tell that the boys were getting a lot out of the Biblical instruction, as well as benefiting from the collective wisdom of the Fathers present. Thank you for entrusting me with your students in Youth. My team is doing all we can to shore up their faith and show them how Jesus would have us represent Him.

We will have a new schedule this summer. Summer Youth will mirror our W.O.W schedule and other ministries. (Please see Ms. Kathy's article for the calendar) Our rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be joining our Youth for the summer starting in June. I love our young students' enthusiasm! We will have other events as well which will be announced via our Text Alerts system. If you are a student or parent/guardian of a rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> in school, be sure to subscribe to our text alerts to ensure you don't miss any Youth News!

On a sad note, we lost one of our Wednesday Night Youth Team to cancer recently – Laurie Klima. Laurie was a small group leader, who started with us just this last Fall. She was also very active in assisting in American Heritage Girls, which meets here on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm. She will be greatly missed! Please pray for her Husband, Carl, and her girls: Katherine, Lauren, and Amelia.

If you would also pray for my dad's (Rick Arnold) recovery. He is having trouble walking and is receiving in home rehabilitation, but it is progressing very slowly and really has him down. Pray for him to regain strength and to be able to walk again and to not fall anymore. My great aunt Connie is in rough shape too. She is almost 97 and fell and broke her hip, back, and foot in 2 places. Pray for comfort and peace. Thank you!

I'll leave you with this: my almost 3-year-old, Ciara, really likes to go places with me and/or Kimberly. She doesn't like to have a babysitter. Since my children ask me OFTEN where I am going, I started a couple years ago by replying, "just crazy" (from them asking all the time) and that usually stops the questioning. (Usually, ha-ha) The other day Ciara asked me where I was going, and I said "crazy," and she looked at me and said "I want to go crazy tooooooo" I laughed so hard! I halfway expected her to say it because she has started really repeating what she hears us say, but the timing couldn't have been more perfect! I am really enjoying having a little one, even though she was born way after we were in the baby raising stage. I hope that brightened your day. Remember that God loves you and this life is not all that there is. Read 1 Peter 1 for encouragement today. God bless you.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug



## ***Winn's Summer Schedule...***

Many churches practically fold up for the summer. Here at Winn's, we are wide open! Below is a list of opportunities and dates of what we will be offering this summer! Enjoy!

### ***Women's Ministry***

A 13-week Bible Study, "Adorned", by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 in Rooms 108-109.**

### ***Children's Summer Programs***

"WOW" (Winn's on Wednesday's) is for rising 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**When:** Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall  
**Time:** 6:30-8:00

"Terrific Tuesday's" is for completed 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When:** Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>,  
August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Foyer/Welcome Center

**Time:** 10:00-2:00

**\*\*Children's Camp June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>\*\***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is for 4 years old through completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**When:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30-8:30

### ***Youth Summer Program***

This is for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**When:** Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>,  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** Sanctuary

**Time:** 6:30-8:00

**\*\*Youth camp is July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>\*\***

### ***Self Sufficiency Seminars***

**When:** Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Basement – Room B3

**Time:** 6:30-8:00

### ***Super Summer Sunday Nights***

We will be meeting on two Sunday nights for an abbreviated church service where we sing out of the hymnals and then listen to a short message from Pastor Paul.

Afterwards, we go up the hill for good old fashion summer fun, treats, and fellowship. These are scheduled for Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ***A Sunday Morning on the Hill***

Our church thrived during Covid, due in part to the ability to hold outdoor services on our beautiful property across the road. To commemorate and celebrate God's goodness, we hold a service there each summer. This year the date will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30. No Sunday school or nursery on that day.

### ***River Baptism***

**When:** Sunday, August 20

**Where:** Home of Wally & Vivian Denton

Join us for a 10:30 combined service at the church, and then travel over to the baptism site for a short baptism service. (Directions will be provided)

Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the banks of the beautiful South Anna River!

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For the month of May  
We are collecting "Plastic Cups or Bowls"  
**(NO PLATES PLEASE)**

