

# Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

The culture today certainly doesn't honor Easter anymore. That is to be expected. But what I wonder is, do we as Christians recognize it for what it is? Certainly, we acknowledge that it is at the center of our faith, and the most pivotal occurrence in all of mankind's existence. I often point out, usually as a part of our observance of the Lord's supper, that Jesus dying on the cross for us is the greatest act of love in the history of the world. I have no doubt that everyone in our congregation would agree in our minds that that was so.

But what about our hearts? Before you answer, remember the saying that "We say what we think, we do what we believe." What is there to do? We know it to be an incontrovertible fact. In reality, we respond to truth with actions all of the time. My car is low on gas-fact. So, I respond by filling the tank-action. A mosquito is biting me-fact. I slap it-action. The list could go on and on, but you get it. Back to our original statement of fact- Jesus dying on the cross for us is the greatest act of love in the history of the world. Do we recognize that at Easter and then go on with our lives? Really?

It's true that we are followers of Christ, and that is certainly year-round. We go to church, we give of our resources, we tell others of Him. That's great, as far as it goes. But still, the greatest act of love in the history of the world? Shouldn't that bring about daily amazement and gratitude in our lives? Shouldn't that shape our perspective throughout the year? Shouldn't that be something that we never get over? Yes, yes, and yes!

Easter is in our rear-view mirrors so far as the calendar is concerned, but I think that it should always be in our hearts and on our minds. I am loved! I am loved that much! By the Creator of the universe! He told me so; He showed me so. That is a fact worth celebrating every day of our lives!

Rejoicing in His love,  
Pastor Jeff



**BREAKING BREAD**

**“Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.” 1 Corinthians 10:17**

***Attention Women of Winn's!!***

**Join us for a fun opportunity to break bread with the Young Adult Sunday School class**

**Sunday, April 14th at 12:15pm**

**This event is designed to make connections and offer support to the young adults of our church family. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, and even a little fun!**

**Sign up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
(Lunch is provided)**

Women's Ministry

# You were made for Mission



Women's event  
Saturday, May 18th | 9:30a - 1:00p  
Guest Speaker: Donna Paulk  
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## **This was our Palm Sunday at Winn's Baptist Church...**

Our Little Lamb's Children's Choir kicked off our 11:00 worship with "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" and did an outstanding job!

We were blessed by Jenny Stapleton(piano) and Tina Word(clarinet) playing "How Beautiful" for offertory AND it was absolutely beautiful!

Not only did our Masterpiece Kids Choir come in looking AMAZING, but they also brought the worship on!! Singing their hearts out during congregational music and then nailed it with their special music, "BECAUSE HE LIVES"! And to end our Palm Sunday, our Set Apart Student Worship Team lead worship and presented the song "King of Kings" at our 6:00 service! Each month I have a grade(s) lead worship with me on the platform; some LOVE it, others not so much, but they do it and make it about HIM I am SO PROUD of Paige Rath and Caden Arnold for stepping up and doing something they thought they'd never do; you guys did a wonderful job!

A HUGE shout out to our Little Lambs and Masterpiece Kids leaders!! Your commitment and dedication to the Lord and these children is relentless!! Thank you for teaching them and showing them Jesus!! YOU are making a BIG difference in their lives on this side of Heaven! God bless ALL of you!

**Serving A Risen Savior!**  
**Mrs. Kathy Rector**







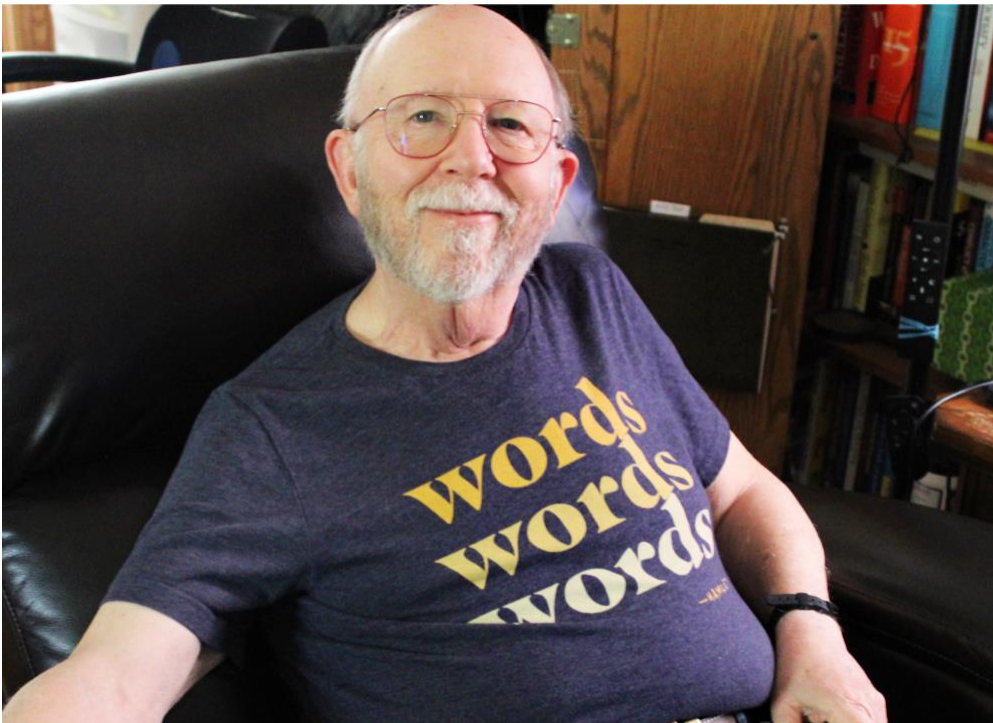


Winns is blessed to have so many talented members who are willing to share their talents with us. Writers, musicians, prayer warriors, and selfless servers for the Lord. Young at Heart has been fortunate to have some of them perform/present at our monthly lunch.

For quite a few years our own Roger Bruner has been posting the lyrics of his original songs (over 200!) on his blog, "As I Come Singing" as well as performing them weekly at the local Convalescent Home Ministry. Roger is also a prolific writer having written and published 23 Christian novels.

In April Roger will share a few of his songs at our Young At Heart get-together. We'll serve a post-Easter baked ham lunch and enjoy Roger's Christian music.

In His service,  
Vivian Denton  
Lori Hurd



Good morning, Church family,

I have to start off by saying – I love our church! I love being part of a vibrant community of Believers who treasure the Truth of God's Word. We have something special here at Winns, and the devil doesn't like it a bit either! I have picked up on murmurings and it is troubling to me. We must do all we can to aid in the unity of the church (Body of Christ). We must speak truth in love. We need to be praying earnestly for ourselves, others, and our families. We have to guard our hearts and tongues so as to not accidentally trespass into gossip and backbiting. What is considered "Gossip" – if you have a problem with someone and you talk to anybody else about it; or repeating things you "heard" is another example; Talking about anyone in a way that would make others think less of them; Talking about people with them not present unless you are praising them, etc.

There is a biblical way to handle these situations, and yes, it is very important that we do handle every situation so as to guard against bitterness, but we must operate exactly how God commanded us to. When you have something that is bothering you – God wants you to go to the person directly so you can verify what you heard instead of talking to others about it. I know it's easy to get caught up in the moment and you want to feel supported in whatever the situation is, but going to others that are not part of the equation actually harms the unity of the body. Matthew 18 lays out very simply how we should conduct ourselves in these manners:

#### **Matthew 18:15-17 NKJV**

(15) "Moreover, if your brother sins against you, **go, and tell him about his fault between you and him alone.** If he hears you, you have gained your brother. (16) But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED.' (17) And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

When you talk to others instead of directly handling the situation in leads to disunity, feelings of being hurt, distrust, anger, etc. These are things that our Father does not want for us! But the devil certainly does! Be on guard. Search your heart and make sure you are always walking in the Truth.

#### **Psalms 133:1 NKJV**

(1) **Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!**

#### **Ephesians 4:3 NKJV**

(3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let's do all we can and honor God and each other by being free from gossip! Thank you for being a part of the solution and not part of the problem!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug





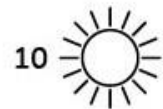
As we round the corner and prepare to finish out our AWANA year, we want to take a moment to say a great big THANK YOU to our leaders and brag on them a bit. They come out every Wednesday evening with a smile on their face to greet the children with the love of Jesus and help them learn the Word of God. They know that building

relationships with the children is an important first step to teaching others about our Lord and Savior. These relationships were very evident this past week at our “Dress your leader” theme night. The children were able to pick a costume piece from the truck to “dress their leader” for every verse recited in their AWANA handbook. They had a blast! Take a look at the smiles in these pictures and I think you will agree that we have the BEST volunteers.





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morning, Church  
family:



**For the month of April, we will be collecting Sunglasses.  
Washcloths can be placed in the bin at the "Welcome Center."**

