

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

Sunday, August 17, was truly a day to remember! After a great morning service, we gathered at the river. Each year, the Denton's make their beautiful place on the South Anna available to our church family for baptisms, followed by lunch provided by our men's ministry.

This year was a little unique in that a week out, we only had one young lady from our children's department on the list to be baptized. We pressed forward with our plans, firmly believing that the one child was important to Jesus, and important to us. But after Vacation Bible School, we had two young brothers decide to commit their lives to Jesus. After meeting with them, we added them to the list. The Sunday before the baptism, God's Holy Spirit led a young adult man to join us for worship. He gave his life to the Lord and asked to be baptized. And then, just a day before the baptism, the mother of another girl told me that her daughter, who had been saved for some time but was very shy, was ready to go public with her commitment to Christ.

The church family, along with many guests, rejoiced together as these five each came up out of the water, having been buried with Christ and were ready to move forward with their new lives in him. Like I said, it was indeed a day to remember!

Gratefully His and yours,

Pastor Jeff



Being the Blessing for Neighbors in Need

Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair

Five-gallon buckets can serve countless purposes, but the most remarkable use might be one you haven't even considered. In the right hands, each container can become a small token of God's love to people who have lost everything.

"Blessing Buckets" assembled in Danville, Virginia, are regularly transported around the globe to bring life-sustaining resources to areas hardest hit by natural disasters, tragedy, and poverty. The tens of thousands distributed each year can become lifelines to those living through the darkest of times.

Randy and Terri Johnson founded God's Pit Crew in 1999 after watching news coverage of the largest tornado in recorded history. Though they lived halfway across the country, the pair borrowed trucks and trailers to deliver desperately needed supplies to the residents of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Since then, they have established an immediate disaster response team and partnered with corporations and communities to meet critical needs by building/renovating houses and facilities. These activities, along with the Blessing Bucket program, reflect the heart of their service mission rooted in Jesus' words:

"I tell you the truth, whatever you have done for one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." – Matthew 25:40

The carefully curated grouping of essentials like toilet paper, snacks, bottled water, deodorant, and shampoo help meet physical needs but is only part of the story. This nonprofit believes that God's Holy Word is the most important item of all, so a Bible is included at the top of every bucket.

Stop by the Missions Committee table in the foyer to learn more about the Christ-entered ministry and discover how you can be a part of this effort to bring hope, restoration, and healing to those who need it most.





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A great big THANK YOU to all those who said, “yes to VBS this year.” We had a wonderful team of volunteers which was evident each and every night. God blessed us with many opportunities to share His love and truth with the children and youth that attended.



AWANA registration is open!

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Starting September 10th

Games, Theme Nights, Friends, and JESUS!

Awana is for children 3 years old (before September 30th and potty trained) through 6th grade.

New Student Choir Schedule!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14

There's nothing sweeter than the sound of children worshipping! Our new choir season starts on September 17th, so it's time to get your child registered. Registration packets can be found at the student choir display in the main hallway. Forms can be delivered to my box at the back of the sanctuary or brought to first rehearsal on the 17th.

Great news- we're streamlining our rehearsal schedule for this season. Many families have students of different ages in more than one of our three choirs. Now, instead of bringing them at different times, all three choirs will meet for rehearsal at the same time, which will be 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday evening. Students will go straight from there to their other Wednesday evening activities. Don't worry, Little Lambs and Masterpiece Kids will both have snack during rehearsal, so they have enough energy for AWANA. And this season we won't have specific choir shirts, so students in AWANA can come dressed in their AWANA uniforms, and even their fun theme night clothes!

On Sunday mornings, Little Lambs (age 4- 1st grade) led by Katie Fox will typically sing the 2nd Sunday morning of the month at the 9:30 service. Masterpiece Kids (2nd-5th grade) led by Carole West will generally have their presentation on the 3rd Sunday morning, followed by Set Apart Student Worship team, led by Donna Tomlinson, presenting on the 4th Sunday morning.

With this schedule, I look forward to many more having the opportunity to hear the sweet praise and worship brought by our amazing students. Get excited as we move forward with this new choir season, and when you see the young ones on stage, be reminded of how blessed we really are.

Choir schedules are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway as well as on the website.

Thank you for being faithful to bring your students and encouraging them to use their gifts for the Lord.

Caleb

Good morning, Church

Summertime is moving along quickly, and the Fall Youth session is just around the corner! Y'all know that I love Fall, it is such a refreshing time of the year with a lot to look forward to! We just finished up our summer youth session and VBS, both of which were great, and school is just about to kick off, now we are gearing up for a Youth group to start back September 10th. With summer vacations just finishing up soon, we will have everyone back, refreshed, and eager to get back at it.

September 24th is "See you at the Pole". "SYATP" started back when I was in the 7th grade, and it is a time of student led prayer out front of public schools at the flagpole on a certain day in September. If your student attends public school and would like to participate we can coordinate on that I'd love to come! Please let me know. (sometimes leaders have been known to bring donuts)

I am in the process of searching for a venue to hold our annual Fall retreat. I'm trying to find a place for early fall so we can avoid conflicts with school events. More details to follow in Youth Group.

Pastor Jeff announced recently that the children's choirs will be moved to Wednesday nights at the same time as Set Apart and that Evening services won't continue this fall. This is a big change, but I believe that it will be a very positive one! Yes, evening service will be missed, but I believe that it will be good for our church and young families.

Continue to Pray for our country and our leaders to operate in righteousness. We need godly leaders who will do the right thing, and we have been called to pray for those in leadership and God answers prayer. Also, be in the Word – there's a lot of deception out there! I've seen some tremendous A.I. deceptions out there and people tend to fall for things – don't be one of them. If you're in the Word and depending on God for discernment – He will guide you, with His Holy Spirit, into all TRUTH. God bless you, as you follow Him.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug



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For the month of August, we will be collecting Small Stuffed Animals.