

Winns' Messenger

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Music Ministry - 2023

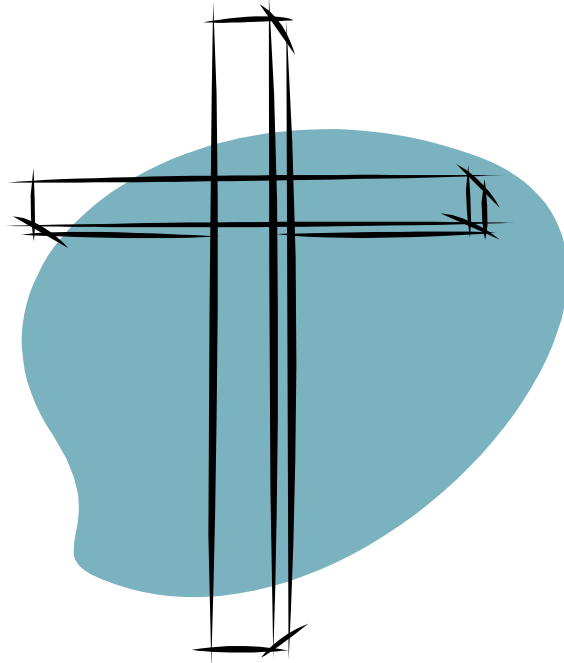
Welcome packets for Little Lambs, Masterpiece Kids and Set Apart Student Worship Team are now available for pick up at the Music Ministry Table in the foyer!

Packets for Set Apart will be due back at their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13 and packets for Little Lambs and Masterpiece Kids are due at their first rehearsal Sunday, September 17th.

Information for the Christmas Musical, "The Arrival", is also available for you to pick up as well! We are looking forward to having all the choirs return and hope you will take advantage of the many ways you can serve the Lord through music!!

See you in September!!

Mrs. Kathy



*Set Apart Student Worship Team
(6th - 12th grade)*

When: Wednesday, September 13th

Time: 5:30 - 6:30

Where: Sanctuary

Welcome Packet

- *Registration Form due Sept. 13th*
- *Rehearsal & Presentation Schedule*
- *Commitment Form due Sept. 13th*



Masterpiece Kids Choir *(2nd - 5th grade)*

When: Sunday, September 17th

Time: 6:00 - 7:00

Where: Choir Room

Welcome Packet

- *Registration Form due Sept. 17th*
- *Rehearsal & Presentation Schedule*
- *T-Shirt Order Form due Sept. 17th*
- *Commitment Form due Sept. 17th*



Little Lambs Children's Choir
(age 4 - 1st grade)

When: Sunday, September 17th

Time: 6:00-7:00

Where: Preschool Department
(4-5-year-olds classroom)

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*****CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE*****

“The Arrival” - 2023

Presented on Saturday December 16th @ 3:00

Sunday, December 17th @ 6:00

*****Sunday Rehearsals for Christmas Musical 4:30pm-5:30pm*****

September 17
September 24

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29

November 5
November 12 – No Rehearsal
November 19
November 26

December 3 Rehearsal with Set Apart @ 4:00
December 10 Rehearsal with Set Apart @ 4:00
December 16 Christmas Musical @ 3:00
December 17 Christmas Musical @ 6:00

*****“Set Apart Student Worship Team” Rehearsal Schedule*****

*****Wednesday Rehearsals for Christmas Musical 5:30 – 6:00**

Regular Set Apart Rehearsal 6:00-6:30***

(W) September 13 Rehearsal
(W) September 20 Rehearsal
(W) September 27 Rehearsal

(W) October 4 Rehearsal
(W) October 11 Rehearsal
(W) October 18 Rehearsal
(W) October 25 Rehearsal

(W) November 1 Rehearsal
(W) November 8 Rehearsal
(W) November 15 Rehearsal
(W) *November 22 No Rehearsal*
(W) November 29 Rehearsal

*****DECEMBER SCHEDULE*****

(S) **December 3 Rehearsal w/ Sanctuary Choir @ 4:00**
(W) **December 6 Rehearsal @ 5:30**
(S) **December 10 Rehearsal w/ Sanctuary Choir @ 4:00**
(W) **December 13 Rehearsal @ 5:30**
(SAT) **December 16 Christmas Musical Presentation @ 3:00**
(S) **December 17 Christmas Musical Presentation @ 6:00**

*****Christmas Eve service will be @ 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 24*****

Dear Church Family,

A pastor who loves the Lord and loves His people always has an eye out for the health of God's family. One indicator of the health of a church is the prayer life of that church. Ours has pretty much remained in the "acceptable" range. Good enough to get us by, but not strong enough to help us soar. I'm delighted to say that I'm seeing signs that that is changing for the better! I've been seeing upticks on the priority of prayer, and the intensity of it, among a wide spectrum of groups within the church. And then came Vacation Bible School. I challenged people in both services the Sunday before it started, to commit to praying for the week. I asked them to raise their hands to indicate such a commitment, while keeping their eyes closed so that there would be no peer pressure. I stipulated that we were asking for serious, heartfelt prayer. While not setting any time amounts, I did rule out a quick one sentence prayer asking God to bless VBS. As I looked out over the congregation at both services, the vast majority of our people were committing to such prayer. You talk about doing a pastor's heart good!

Then came Monday, scheduled to be the first day. Virtually the whole east coast was under severe storm warnings. Hanover County Public Schools canceled all evening activities. The storms were predicted to be the strongest ones that we had experienced in three years, and they were! Over a million people had their electricity knocked out. While the whole eastern seaboard experienced these storms, one little area in the state of Virginia did not. We had VBS as if it were any normal summer evening. No wind. No rain. We went on to have a wonderful week of Bible School. A significant portion of the 15 people that we baptized at the river baptism a week later came from people who followed through on commitments that week! Would the Lord push back a storm at the request of 150 believers? I happen to know that He has done it for a lot less!

God is at work in our midst. Don't miss out! Find out where groups of our people are praying and jump in!

Praying as I go,
Pastor Jeff

Good morning, Church Family,

I am shocked every time I check the calendar and realize just how fast 2023 is speeding by! We are just 4 months from Christmas! I have been very busy this year so that certainly has contributed to my perception. My family and I just moved recently into a house we bought out in Bumpass that is 123 years old, and we have been fixing it up for the past 6 months or so. It is really coming along! This place was affordable and had plenty of room and 5.5 acres, so we can play outside, shoot, and explore the woods. It's right around 30 minutes away. I really don't mind the drive now, I kind of have gotten used to it. (Except those crazy people that drive 42 in a 55!!!) (I will never get used to that...ha-ha.

Recently, I was privileged to officiate a wedding for one of my former students. (that will make you feel old real fast) and we had a very successful summer Youth session and VBS! Pastor Jeff has a great vision for having year around opportunities for every member of the family and this past summer was the kickoff for all our ministries continuing on throughout the summer. It is going to help a lot! Not only with momentum, but when students are mostly free during the summer, we have things to offer them in order to help facilitate their spiritual growth and have a lot of fun while doing so!

VBS was a great success! We had a student accept Christ in the Youth portion and several children spoke with Pastor and told him that they had accepted Jesus and wanted to get baptized. We will be baptizing 15 at the river Baptism at the Denton's on August 20th. What a blessing that was!

The summer session just finished up and our fall session will kick off on Wednesday September 13th. With the schools starting earlier this year, they are missing out on a few weeks of summer vacation, but I think they have had a good amount of that, and it will be nice to get back into their routines.

I am assembling a team of Youth parents/leaders to be a Youth council of sorts. It is something that was done before I got here, and I think it is time to revive it. The things that this group will be working on are Youth events and outreach, and opportunities to truly serve. We would like to have on going domestic missions' partnerships where we can serve and be a blessing. Where our students develop a heart to serve instead of being served. Pray for us to pull this off for Jesus' glory.

P.S. – make sure that you reevaluate your fall and winter provisions...time is moving fast!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Upcoming Women's Events

Wednesday, Sept. 13th

Women's Bible Study begins
Exodus - Finding Jesus in the Wilderness
Rooms 108-109
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, October 7th

International Crafters Festival (IMB)
Picnic at Maymont
10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday, November 4th

The Glass Spot
(Make your own glass blown Christmas ball
ornament)

11:00am - 12:30pm

OR

12:30pm - 2:00pm

**** Sign-up NOW!** More information below.

Thursday, November 30th

Christmas Party
Winn's Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm
More info to come!

The Glass Spot – Sign-ups are going on NOW!

Saturday, November 4th

Ladies, have you wanted to try your hand in the art of blown glass by creating your very own glass Christmas ball ornament? Now is your chance!

Two sessions have been reserved with The Glass Spot in Richmond (N. Lombardy St.)

11:00am – 12:30pm

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Cost \$35 – due at sign up

Space is limited. Don't delay in reserving your ornament.

Carpooling is suggested due to limited parking.

Missions Spotlight: Using ‘God Vision’ to Navigate in Times of Trouble

Note: *The missions house may not be the largest structure on our property, but it has a big role to play in the ministry of this church. The missions committee approves requests to use the building as a refuge for people in need and for missionaries coming into the area between assignments and is pleased to share the inspirational story of its latest occupants.*



When Alex Kurmayev lost his home in an April house fire, he wasn't worried about the future. The bi-vocational pastor had seen God working in his life since he came to faith at 17 and was sure that the path ahead would be made clear.

"I see miracles everywhere," said Kurmayev. "People around us were worried, but I think God has taken me by the hand and showed me which way to go."

The Russian immigrant wasn't afraid to step out in faith when he married and became a father. His wife Tatiana's severe heart defects not only sapped her strength but also posed a severe health risk to mother and child. He took on many of the day-to-day tasks as her health deteriorated, never once doubting that his God was in control.

"I told God 'You gave me my family and you will take care of them,'" said Kurmayev. "I was happy because I was doing everything with God, and I saw how He gave me strength and power."

Alex brought Tatiana along on out-of-state jobs to renovate hotels while gradually moving into ministry through service to his church in Harrisonburg, Va. Over a 13-year period, he taught Sunday School, conducted the children's choir, and was ordained as a deacon. Church leaders then asked if he'd be interested in starting a church.

"God told me to go to Richmond," said Pastor Alex. "For a couple of months, it was only the three of us. Then, people started coming to hear a message in Russian and I now hold services each Sunday, Monday, and Friday."

As the ministry continued to grow, Tatiana's health steadily declined. The couple again placed their faith in God to carry them through life-saving bypass surgery. She was getting stronger and more active when their adult son Tim had a seizure in a local fast-food restaurant and was in a coma for 21 days. Though doctors pressured the Kurmayevs to turn off the life support machines, God had other plans.

"I said 'that's your vision, but I have a God vision,'" he said. "God told me not to worry and I told my wife to trust Him and to trust me."

Alex had taken his son home to care for him when tragedy struck the family yet again. Danny Worrell reached out to the family on behalf of the deacons and quickly learned that the fire had destroyed their possessions but hadn't shaken their faith. Initial financial support for hotel accommodations quickly turned into an invitation to use the missions house while their house is being rebuilt.

The family has now settled into their temporary, wheelchair-accessible home and continue to move through the slow rehabilitation process. Tim is relearning how to speak, walk and perform other daily activities while requiring fewer medications to manage his symptoms.

All the while, Pastor Alex is using his skills and talents to bless Winn's and future occupants of the former parsonage. He quickly set to work making small repairs to leave the property better than he found it and help us make this resource available to more people in our community.



September News

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.



AWANA registration is open!

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

Starting September 13th

Games, Theme Nights, Friends, and JESUS!

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

AWANA SCHEDULE 2023-24

September	10 Register By 10% off cost	13 First Night of Awana	20 Regular Club	27 Regular Club	
October	4 Beach Theme Night	11 Regular Club	18 Regular Club	25 Regular Club	
November	1 NO CLUB Fall Festival	8 Nerd Theme Night	15 Regular Club	22 No Club Thanksgiving	29 Regular Club
December	6 Regular Club	13 Awana Store Christmas Sock Night	20 Awana Store Christmas Shirt/Sweater Night	27 No Club Christmas Break	
January	3 No Club Christmas Break	10 Regular Club	17 Noah Night	24 Regular Club	31 Regular Club
February	7 Regular Club	 14 NO CLUB	21 Regular Club	28 Black Out Night	Sat. 10th Grand Prix
March	6 Regular Club	13 Regular Club	20 Dress Your Leader Night	27 Regular Club	
April	3 No Club Spring Break	10 Regular Club	17 Take Up Your Cross	24 Regular Club	

May	1 Regular Club	8 Regular Club	15 	22 Awards Night	2
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**For the month of September
 We will be collecting
 Small Stuffed Animals**



