

Winns' Messenger

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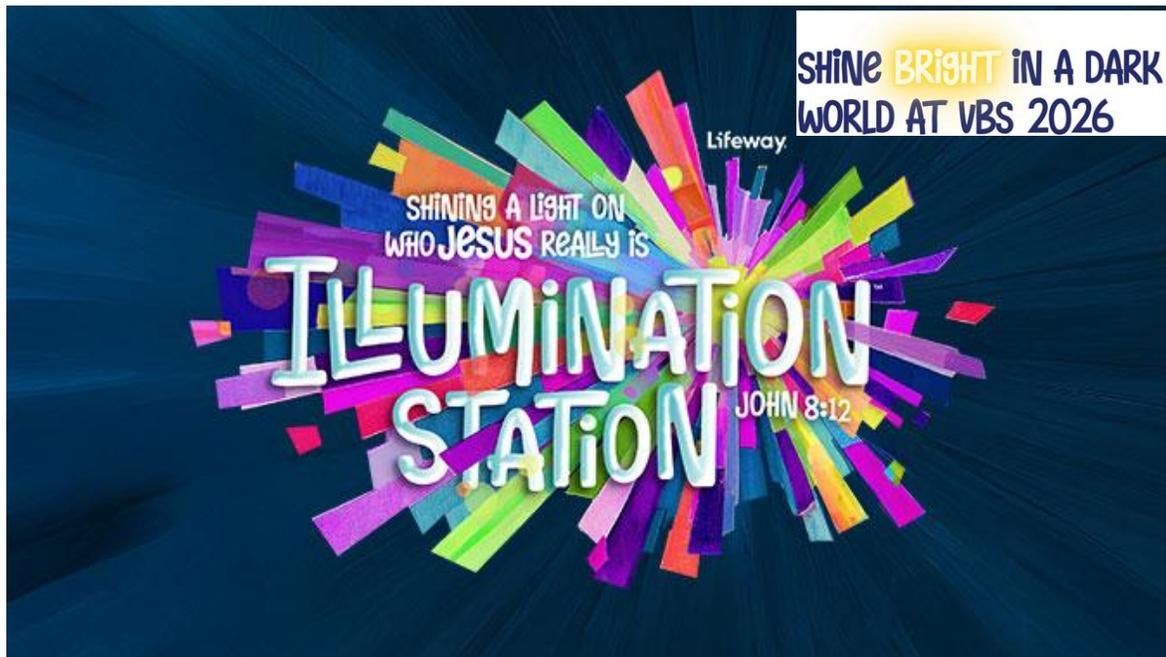
Dear Church Family,

I once heard a pastor say that no one would walk to the victor's stand with an even gait. I believe that is a valid statement. The setting for our walk with the Lord through this life is not a soccer field, but a battle zone. Sometimes we are wounded by disobedience, or like Jacob, by playing the hard head. We also have plenty of challenges and difficulties just because we live on a sin-cursed earth. This is similar to one of our soldiers or marines being hurt in an equipment accident or suffering a snake out on the battlefield. It is neither self-inflicted nor perpetrated by enemy effort, it just happened while on the battlefield.

Having addressed those categories of battlefield affliction, let's consider damage inflicted by the enemy. We need to remember that succumbing to temptation would be an act of disobedience. What we're looking at here are the direct attacks by the forces of evil. They may come from humans under the influence of the evil one, or from demons under his command. These attacks derail their continued spiritual growth. The other group most often assaulted in this fashion is the portion of the Lord's army that has moved past the myriad temptations that work on so many believers, including calls to apathy, and are moving resolutely forward in His name.

The ultimate example, of course, is our Champion, Jesus Christ Himself! As He refused to give in to temptation, the enemy threw everything he had at Him. It seemed for a few days that he may have succeeded, but then the greatest event in the history of the world took place and Jesus rose from the dead! Victory over the enemy! Scars, yes, but the highest level of the victor's stand was His to occupy. Because He lives, we live also. So, my committed brothers and sisters continue to march steadfastly onward, whatever the enemy throws at you. Greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world.

Staying in the battle,
Pastor Jeff



MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH
6:30 - 8:30 PM

ILLUMINATION STATION

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS.

CULTURE CLAIMS TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, BUT MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THE DARK ABOUT WHO HE REALLY IS. SOME MIGHT SEE JESUS AS JUST A PERSON FROM HISTORY OR A GOOD MAN OR A GOOD TEACHER-BUT HE IS MORE THAN THAT! THIS SUMMER, VBS WILL SHINE A LIGHT ON THE TRUTH OF WHO JESUS REALLY IS. MEET US AT ILLUMINATION STATION FOR THE BRIGHTEST WEEK OF THE YEAR. KIDS WILL EXPLORE ALL THE WAYS LIGHT BRIGHTENS, ILLUMINATES, REFLECTS, AND REVEALS WHILE DISCOVERING THAT JESUS IS THE LIGHT WHO BRING HOPE TO A DARK WORLD! LIKE THE DISCIPLES, KIDS WILL BE CHALLENGED TO ANSWER JESUS' QUESTIONS, "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" THEY WILL DISCOVER IT'S NOT A MATTER OF OPINION. JESUS IS WHO SCRIPTURE SAYS HE IS-THE PERFECT, PROVEN, AND POWERFUL SON OF GOD.

Writing the Next Chapter in Our Missions Story

Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair

You may encounter thousands of people in your lifetime but only remember those who truly made an impact. Family members, mentors, and trusted friends all play an important role in shaping us, but only the love of Jesus can make us new creations.

Those who are called to the mission field are committed to bringing that eternal truth to the lost and hurting. This year, we had a special opportunity to adopt the most recent class in training at the International Learning Center. The experience certainly changed me, along with many others who had the privilege of meeting and learning from them along the way.

While one chapter concluded with their March 12 commissioning, another exciting one is just beginning as they go out to share the gospel across the North American mission field. The good news is that we don't have to step out of their stories as they leave the ILC. Each individual and family received a handwritten note with contact information for a Winn's member who has pledged to continue praying for and supporting them on their journeys.

We hope to grow this effort by posting updates from our adopted class on a missions' bulletin board. If you were part of the note-writing project, please share newsletters, prayer requests, and other updates with me at barbarabbowen2@gmail.com so we can stay connected and continue supporting those who have given so much to make an impact for Christ in a lost world.

Suggested Caption: *FPO 1.26 warmly welcomed Winn's to their March 12 commissioning ceremony, which included special recognition for the support and encouragement our church provided throughout their seven weeks of training.*



Good morning Church Family!

Something really cool happened recently: On March 27th I had the honor of performing the marriage ceremony for one of my former Youth students, Paige Rath (now Andrews) and it was really cool to be able to do that. This was my 3rd student that I had the honor of officiating the wedding ceremony. There's just something about seeing godly young people grow up and follow the Lord and marry people that share their dedication! Samuel Andrews was the groom, and he will be an excellent husband. Something else that was really cool was not only did Samuel and Paige wait until marriage as God intended, but they also even waited until they were married to kiss! That's awesome. I joked at the alter that I might have to tap him to let go...ha-ha. Well done you two! May God bless your union and future family!

With graduation right around the corner, I need all High school, and College graduates of the class of 2026 to let me know ASAP! We will be having our graduation recognition on Sunday May 17th, and I need to get a head count as well as 5 pictures from birth until graduation please, along with any accomplishments, honors, and awards that they received. You can email me at Darnold@winnsbc.org. Thank you.

Another recent development that has been a huge success is our Young Adults Community group we started in mid-March. We had about 19 Young adults with several more that are planning to join the next time we meet. We are currently doing a 6-part study on Samson, entitled "Samson, a life well wasted". It's pretty good! We are meeting twice a month, and I think it's going to be something that God uses greatly.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug

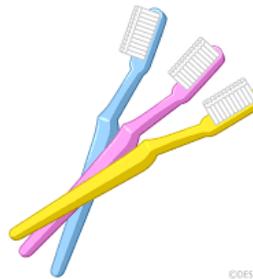


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Toothbrushes**



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