

# ***Winns' Messenger***

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Dear Church Family,

I guess we were due some serious winter weather, well, we've definitely had it! Thankfully, we were spared the ice that was a real possibility. It is generally ice that brings tree limbs down on power wires. We have been encouraging members of our church family to have their natural families prepared for this kind of event. The Bible tells us that we must provide for our own.. If, while we were still anticipating ice, you were wishing you had purchased this or repaired that, do it now! Each event should find us a little better prepared than we were for the previous one. Looking after your family is not just the right thing to do but it also puts you and yours in a good position to join our church family in looking after our own, and members of the community as well.

Once more, we were called upon to make our facilities available for those who couldn't adequately heat their homes. Again, those situations are generally brought about by power outages. Because there were very few of those, we didn't have anyone come to us for warmth. Had we gotten the freezing rain, I think that we would have been very busy indeed! Just as we should take a step forward in our own readiness every time we may need to step up, those of us who are leading our city on a Hill ministry practice the same for our church family's preparedness. In all likelihood, one day we will be very much needed. When that day comes, we intend to be very much ready! As we show Christ's love by ministering to people's practical needs, we will have many opportunities to meet their spiritual needs by introducing them to our Savior. God has blessed us much, and He intends that we bless others much in His name.

Gratefully His and yours,  
Pastor Jeff



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> – 9AM**

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN AWANA TO ENTER THE GRAND PRIX!



Good morning Church Family!

We just got back from YEC at VA Beach, and it was a huge blessing. The music was heartfelt and God-centered. The preaching was interesting and Biblical. We even got to see Jared Hall, and Christian illusionist – he's pretty good! I saw him several years ago at Youth Camp. One thing that stuck out to me that I reiterated with our Youth when we got back was: "Biblical Knowledge does NOT necessarily equate to Godliness." While you cannot be godly with knowledge of God's Word, if you know it and don't live it out – there's a disconnect there. I will be sure to drive this point home as we study the Word. Thank you for entrusting me with your student's Biblical instruction. While I can do good deal to help you, keep in mind that God's design is for the church to come alongside the family and aid you as the primary source and example in your student's lives. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to let me know. We love y'all and we're here for you!

I have included a couple pictures of our trip:



Waiting on huge snow and ice event in the next few days, by the time you read this you'll know how it turned out. It's really strange that there's a potential for freezing rain when it's in the mid-teens outside, but hey weather can be weird. My feeling is schools will be out still when you read this up to a week later. This event shows the need to reiterate winter preparation. Hopefully, we don't lose electricity during this event because the temps will be extremely low for an extended period of time. I wrote about this a few years ago: you need to be able to have alternative heat sources in case you lose electricity. Be aware of the danger of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning sources. All things that burn produce (CO), some to a greater degree than others. So be sure you know what you're doing and stay safe and always have a carbon monoxide detector that is battery operated to help warn you of danger. Alternative power is also a huge help! If you want to know more, I'd be happy to chat with you further. Send me an email to [Darnold@winnsbc.org](mailto:Darnold@winnsbc.org) and let me know.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug



To the Church that meets at Winns,

Let's consider together the worship described in Psalm 150:

1. *Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!*
2. *Praise Him for His Mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*
3. *Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and Harp!*
4. *Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*
5. *Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!*
6. *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!*

Are you giving the LORD the praise He deserves? When we gather for worship, we gather in His name to praise Him in gratitude and joy. Each time we gather for worship I pray that the church will act as the bride of Christ, eagerly awaiting His return and singing all the wonderful attributes we know about Him. Worship heartily, as unto the Lord and not to men. The bride of Christ is rehearsing for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Worship heartily

Now excuse me while I try to get my hands on a lute.

Caleb





## Winn's at Work for Missions

*Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair*

**The temperatures may be dropping, but missions' activities are heating up at Winn's!** January was jam-packed with opportunities for expanded outreach to our community and around the world.

Josh Parker and Al Thomason spearheaded a focused effort the Missions House for its first new tenants since Pastor his family moved out last year. With a few helping hands, able to complete multiple projects to include:

- Replacing and painting the front door
- Finishing the reconfigured deck
- Painting the living room, dining room, downstairs "side room," hallway, and downstairs bedroom (trim only)
- Hooking up the donated range
- Repairing and reinforcing the bottom interior stair
- Installing new ceiling light fixtures
- Replacing a broken glass panel on the downstairs interior door
- Swapping out a damaged bathroom mirror and toilet seat



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We also partnered with the Women's Ministry to pack **55 welcome bags** for Field Personnel Orientation (FPO) class 1.26 delivered to the International Learning Center during a campus prayer walk early this month. Personal notes from the adults and drawings from our AWANA kids were included to let these new missionaries know they are being prayed for throughout their seven weeks of training and beyond.

The final January activity involved delivering trays of homemade treats and wrapped candies to help foster stronger connections among class members and their leadership team. On **February 22**, we'll have a rare opportunity to interact with the class by participating in a cultural worship experience designed to give them a realistic picture of life overseas.

Pastor Paul Brownback is also spearheading efforts to lift up the class throughout the seven-week course. Participants will know that we are praying for them using prompts aligned with their weekly activities. (On a related note, recent graduates "Peter" and "Maria" need our support as well. "Maria" is pregnant, and both are realizing how much they still have to learn. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy and for encouragement as they continue to improve fluency.)

Last but not least, the Missions Team is exploring various options for mission trips in **2026 and beyond**. If you'd like to help lay a foundation for Kingdom work in a developing country, consider joining the Winn's Mission Team on a **Word of Life mission trip to Paraguay on April 13–24**. Participants will help build a new road stretching over half a mile to a new camp property used for conferences, evangelism, and discipleship programs. Individual registration is required, with payments due two months before the trip date (this month). Pick up an information sheet at the mission table in the foyer or visit <https://missions.wol.org/go/opportunity/129/>.

It's shaping up to be an exciting year of service. Contact me at **barbarabbowen2@gmail.com** or reach out to any member of the Missions Committee if you'd like to learn more about service opportunities.

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will be collecting sunglasses.**