

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

There is a Christmas song that says that Christmas is "...the happiest time of the year." Christmas is great, don't get me wrong, but there is a week of the year that certainly runs with it in my mind, and that is Vacation Bible School! During the Christmas season, we celebrate the Savior coming into the world. The week of VBS is a full-on effort to help boys and girls meet Him for the first time or get to know Him better!

For our "church kids," in many cases it is simply a fun and exciting reinforcement of that which they are already learning. My prayer is that some kids get invited and come who would otherwise never hear the Good News! To that end, let me encourage you to invite the children of neighbors, friends, and extended family to come and be a part of what we're doing. It could make an eternal difference in their lives! When we lived in Georgia, Cyndy and I invited so many kids that we had to drive two separate vehicles just to pick them all up! Please begin praying now that God's Holy Spirit will lead you to children that you can bring.

Mrs. Dana and Mrs. Kathy and their teams have put a lot of work into this week. Please make good on their efforts by bringing some kids to participate. It's certainly not the most we can do in the Kingdom but is definitely significant!

Come join us the week of August 1st through the 5th and see why I think VBS is a competitor for the "happiest time of the year"!

See you there!

Pastor Jeff

Vacation Bible School Principal ☺

Ways to get involved in the Music Ministry...

We are excited to be rolling and getting ready with our upcoming Fall schedule!! On Sunday, August 7th, there will be a Music Ministry table in the foyer where you will be able to pick up your Welcome Packet for Little Lambs (age 4-1st grade), Masterpiece Kids (2nd -5th) and Set Apart Student Worship Team (6th-12th). Our Set Apart Student Worship Team will start back on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30. Little Lambs and Masterpiece Kids will kick off their rehearsals on Sunday, September 18th at 6:00.

Those wanting to participate in the Christmas Musical, rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 18th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rehearsal schedule and music will be available for pick up on this day.

We are looking forward to another fun and exciting year in the music ministry!! YOU won't want to miss out on all these amazing opportunities!! If you have any questions about serving in the Music Ministry, please contact krector@winnsbc.org.

See YOU in September!
Mrs. Kathy

YOUNG AT HEART

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NKJ)

Although I didn't always appreciate the requirements mom placed on us to attend church regularly, I can now share without any hesitation that the foundation she provided us as children has resulted in my brother, sister and me having strong and unwavering personal relationships with our Heavenly Father. And that's what I see in abundance at Winns. Our church is blessed with many young families who are teaching their children the joy of living godly lives.

To see our young members being guided by the Winns staff and volunteers to serve give me hope for the future. A life of service can be so rich and rewarding. Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV) tells us to "*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do...*" We are excited to announce that our own Terrific Tuesday Kids will prepare and serve our Young at Heart lunch on Tuesday, August 9. No sides or desserts are needed from the attendees as the kids will provide everything. Following lunch, they will present a show for our entertainment.

Lori and I hope you will join us for what promises to be a delightful afternoon.

In Christ,
Vivian

Good morning, Church Family,

I wanted to let you all know just how wonderful Youth Camp went: We had a group of 28 attend and for the first time every single student arrived on campus already saved! I was not sure about that when we arrived, but I received the registration cards for everyone halfway through the week and each card had a place to circle if you consider yourself a Christian: Yes/No/Maybe. That wasn't the basis of my observation though – the next question was to be answered in paragraph form: “why?” And every student was able to personally articulate the Gospel very clearly as their basis! Mission accomplished!!! The preaching was great that week, but not sufficient in my opinion to show the need for repentance and trusting in Jesus explicitly, so I was so glad that our students already came to that realization. Very satisfying!

We had a great time together too. Friendships were developed and we left there knowing more about God and His Word. Thank you for entrusting me with your students. I do my best to point them to Jesus and lead them to understanding Who He is and how we are to serve Him and to reach others.

To help in that endeavor we are starting a **SUMMER SESSION FOR YOUTH GROUP** on Sunday July 24th from 6:00 to 7:30pm. This is for those who have completed OR are going into the 6th thru 12th grades. We will meet in Rooms 108/109 in the center of church. Please use the middle door to enter next to the handicap parking spots. We will be doing a 4-week study called ‘Next: Growing a faith that lasts.’ This is an excellent opportunity for your student to invite a friend and grow in their faith!

Our next **YOUTH EVENT**: Back by popular demand- NERF WAR - **Saturday July 23rd**. Who is invited? – All parents and students going into or who have completed 6th through 12th grade this year. We love having “Parental Combatants” join us! Bring your own Nerf guns, bulk standard dart ammo will be provided. This helps speed up the process and eliminates sorting darts. **This event is completely FREE! Start time is 2pm and we will end at 5pm.** Eat before you come. Please let Pastor Doug know if you can come so we can have an approximate count.”

We will be having some of our recent graduates assisting our small group leaders this summer and also this fall. It is wonderful to have them serving the Lord with us!

Be in prayer for **PASTOR MINDI in India**, He has had some health issues lately including Typhoid Fever and is trying to build a church on property that they already own that is in danger of being encroached on all around by their neighbors.

A word on PREPAREDNESS - It's hard to believe that we are already over 50% through 2022! Time seems to be absolutely flying. Only 2 more months of heat before some great temperatures return (hopefully)! I mention that so you will be looking ahead to when it gets colder. Check your supplies and add what is needed to ride out cold weather. I want you to think outside the box too – what if you had to keep warm without electricity? Could you do it? For how long? Do you have a sufficient number of cold weather sleeping bags for your family? A word on sleeping bag ratings. They will keep you “alive” at the rating, NOT comfortable! A 40-degree bag is uncomfortable below 55 degrees. If you were to not have heat your house could easily get in the 30's or lower, if that were the case a zero-degree bag would be preferable. Now, you can't use cold weather bags when its warm, you'll burn up! So, you will probably need 2 separate bags. Candles raise the temp slightly, but are a fire hazard, unless you get them in stable glass jars. Do you have a fire extinguisher handy? Prices are higher this year, but since it's not cold weather season – you may be able to find some stuff at decent prices. Think ahead.

I also want to encourage you to create a **PREPAREDNESS BINDER**. Have it organized with dividers and create topics such as?

- Lighting
- Staying warm
- Power
- Water/purification
- Food/cooking
- Communication
- Defense

There are more but this is a good start. Then systematically evaluate and make a plan for emergencies. This binder will help family members know what to do if you are not home. Detail where supplies are stored and how to use them. Include pictures to demonstrate. Put the sheets in protectors to keep them from getting wet and smearing. Keep this in a secure location, locked preferably. (but only if they can access it without a key, which may be easily misplaced) If you want more information let me know and I'll steer you to some information that will be helpful.

There has been a lot of stuff going on that is concerning in the world, and also some pretty good stuff. And guess what? God was always still in charge. I encourage you to prepare and be informed, but to never fear or be in despair. Focus on the Lord, seek His will and you'll be just fine.

Matthew 6:31-34 NKJV

(31) "Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

(33) **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

(34) Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Tough times are here, and tougher times are coming, but thank God He is tougher than them all!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug

Thank you!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the kindnesses shown me at the passing of my granddaughter, Cheryl. May you be loved in a special way.

Bessie Epps

Dear Winn's Church Family,

Thank you so much for your tremendous support during Pat's Alzheimer's journey. I'm not going to say it was easy, but it would have been more difficult if you hadn't come alongside us.

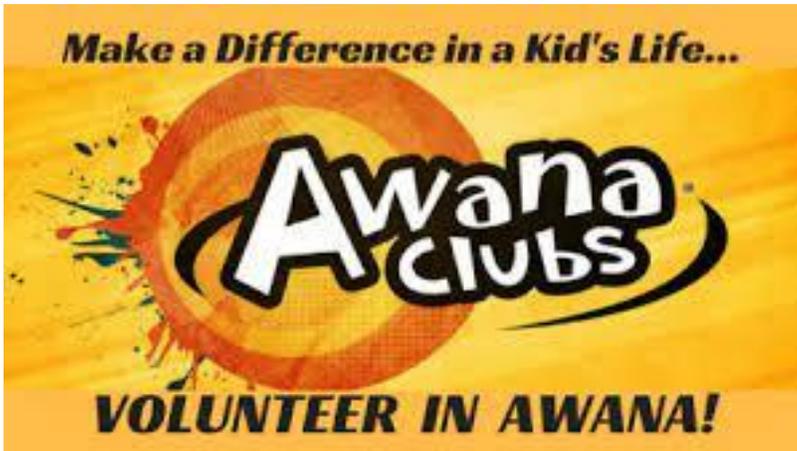
I can't begin to list everything, but please know that your prayers, food, visits, hugs, phone calls, cards, plants/flowers, etc., were deeply appreciated. I want to give a shoutout to the Seekers Class for their awesome support for the entire journey.

Further, I'd like to thank Set Apart for bringing wonderful Christian music to our doorstep and for their testimony to the many neighbors who came to hear them.

Also, thanks to the Winn's staff for their support along the way, and more specifically, for their contribution to Pat's Celebration of Life service.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to those who remembered and honored my beautiful wife and best friend by their presence at her Celebration.

Love In Christ, Ken Moore



**AWANA
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Wednesday evenings beginning
September 14, 2022**

**AWANA LEADER TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

- Do you have a love for God and His Word?
- Do you have compassion for kids of all ages?
- Do you have a desire for a disciple-making ministry?
- Do you like to have fun?

Sign up here to join our AWANA ministry team.

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Summer

J U N E S T S S S S Y K S E U L B M
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Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

ANTS	FISHING	JULY	SUNBURN
AUGUST	FLIES	JUNE	SUNGLASSES
BARBECUE	FLOWERS	MOSQUITOES	SUNSCREEN
BASEBALL	GARDENING	NO SCHOOL	SUNSHINE
BEACH	GOLF	PICNIC	SUNTAN
BEES	GREEN	ROLLER	SWEAT
BICYCLE	GRASS	BLADES	SWIMMING
BLUE SKY	HAT	SANDALS	U V RAYS
BOATING	HIKING	SKATEBOARD	WASPS
BREEZE	HOLIDAYS	SOCCER	WATER
CAMPING	HOT	SOLSTICE	FIGHTS
	ICE CREAM	SPRINKLERS	WATERMELON

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Monthly Items Needed

August – Crayons/Pencils/Notepads

YOUR support of **OCC** is making a **HUGE** difference in a **child** “**somewhere;**” **THANK YOU!!**