Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

As we move into yet another November, gratitude is front and center in my heart and mind. Not that I need the thought of a holiday to put it there. I preach, teach, and live the premise that a grateful spirit should be characteristic of all the children of the King! This is certainly verified in numerous places in scripture. The benefits of embracing this spiritual mandate are many. I'd like to list some of them as they come to mind, not in any particular order.

Grateful people are happy people.

They handle pain, difficulty, and setbacks well.

Are more pleasant to be around

God can bless such people greatly without the risk of spoiling them.

They more readily grasp the goodness of God

Their testimony of God's love is much more credible

They set a good tone in the gatherings of God's people and provide a good example to young believers.

Well, that's off the top of my heart and the tip of my tongue. I'm sure that the list can be greatly expanded. I encourage you that this Thanksgiving holiday, that you not only use it as a time to express gratitude in family and friends' settings, but to also do a reset in your own life, if needed.

Gratefully His and yours,
Pastor Jeff



Getting the 411 on Evangelism

Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair



This simple illustration of the gospel message is a great conversation starter in connection with your 15-second testimony. We've got a few extras and can walk you through it if you'd like to attach the sticker to the back of your phone or carry it with you as a visual aid!

This year, our mission's team had the honor and privilege of attending commissioning ceremonies for two classes of new missionaries preparing to enter the field.

While we felt a special connection to the one Winn's adopted in January, the second was equally special because we had a rare opportunity to spend a day learning from them and sharing the gospel together.

The missionaries who led the September 5 evangelism training were open and approachable, with backgrounds as varied as their ages. Yet each was clearly ready to step out in faith to share the love of Christ.

"You have a picture of an evangelist in your mind, and they didn't fit that mold," said Wayne Lutz. "They were all so different but were equally committed to serving."

"I saw singles who had their whole lives ahead of them and retired couples who could have used the time to sit back, relax, and enjoy their grandchildren," said Jenna Brauer. "Instead, they answered God's call to missions!"

Class participants began the day by creating a simple booklet that answers four key questions connected to our call to fulfill the Great Commission.

1. WHY? While the answer might seem obvious, it's important to remember that God is worthy of all honor and praise, and Jesus – who has all authority in heaven and on earth – commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations.

2. WHO? Each of us has a unique sphere of influence. Our missionary trainers encouraged us to draw simple diagrams connecting ourselves to people we know who are "far from God." These relationships are our starting point, and our networks can expand from there.

3. WHAT? Next, we learned to craft a 15-second testimony. Similar to an "elevator pitch" in the business world, this brief personal story can open the door to gospel conversations. It follows a simple pattern: "There was a time when I felt _____ and _____. When I turned to Jesus, He saved me and gave me a new life in Him. Now, I am _____."

4. WHEN? This accountability question helps move us from good intentions to action. Our trainers suggested setting aside a specific time each day to pray for people we want to reach and then choosing someone to witness to during the week ahead. We were also encouraged to train other believers to use this resource.

The 4-1-1 tool received high marks from Lutz and Brauer, who agreed that it can easily be adapted to each person's communication style. If you'd like to learn more about our class experience or participate in a future evangelism training event, please contact me or one of the Missions Committee members. We'd be happy to talk with you and explore opportunities to help expand the number of laborers bringing in the harvest.

Good morning, Church!

I hope you are enjoying this cool Fall weather. I know that I am! Summer lasted a little too long and I'm sure the cold weather will come sooner will not be too far around the corner, but for the moment let's just enjoy the blessing of low humidity and mild weather. I have so much to get done around my place and much of it is outdoors, so I welcome the change. Now if I could just get some time to be home…haha. I absolutely love being part of Winns. Y'all are such a blessing to me, and I am thankful that God called me here.

Recently I got the opportunity to preach a couple of times which was awesome, in my first sermon I mentioned the importance of having a realistic plan and making sure you are actually putting it into practice whether it is for preparing for an emergency or even for retirement. If you didn't get a chance to listen to it – it's up on the website at: www,winnsbc.org give it a listen.

The youth retreat is just around the corner, and I want to make sure that all 6th through 12th graders are aware of it. It will be at Camp WEAG on 11/13 at 5pm through the afternoon of the 14th. It will cost $20/person, and you will need money for CFA on the way plus stuff for overnight. Please see me if you want to go. Currently I have 19 going with 11 spots left.

I want to close by saying how thankful I am for Pastor Jeff faithfully leading us! This is Pastor appreciation month, be sure to think of him. God bless you all.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug





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Our AWANA Sparks and T & T clubbers will have the opportunity to "shop" in our AWANA Christmas Store on December 2nd and 9th.
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