

# Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family.

What's your niche? As believers, we are called to many noble pursuits. Prayer, evangelism, church participation, coming alongside those who are struggling, standing for the weak (including the unborn), and befriending the lonely, to name some of them. We all should be doing some of most everything. But we should all also have something that we do more fully, completely, and passionately. The apostle Paul wrote about how the church was like a body that had many different parts that carried out various functions making the whole body useful.

I have a very practical view of the Word of God, so I always ask when considering a truth, what is the appropriate response? If we were all given different gifts, inclinations, and abilities to make the Body function properly, we need to examine ourselves to determine what we have that can add to the efficacy of the Body as a whole. Then, we need to ask ourselves if we are usefully employing it in the Kingdom work.

I pastored a lady in Georgia who told her aging mother, "Mama, we can't have anything else go wrong with you. We have already taken everything off of you, and out of you, that you can do without!". I'm afraid that many churches are operating with just the bare minimum. They have enough to continue to exist, but not enough to make a difference in our increasingly lost society.

Though we have a strong church, I believe we could be stronger if everyone would ask themselves the question, "what's my niche?". "What am I doing that the church would be poorer, weaker if I wasn't doing it"? If the answer is "nothing", ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what you should be doing. He will surely lead you to something that will make the Body more vibrant and effective than it would be otherwise.

Easter is behind us, being the hands and feet of our Savior is before us. Let's get to it!

Glad to be a part,  
Pastor Jeff



### **Monthly Items Needed**

May: Plastic Bowls and Cups  
**(NO PLATES)**

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

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Young at Heart kicked off the spring season last month with Amy Ladd who brought the "April showers" with music and humor. We plan to bring the "May flowers" via Linda Miller at our next lunch. Linda, a master gardener and volunteer at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, will join us on May 10th to share the history of the Garden, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

I Cor 3:7 "...neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." We know Paul was writing to the Corinthians about growing their faith and the church in this verse. But what a wonderful image for us today knowing it is our Father who brings forth the color and bounty every year. May we sow and water our faith so it can bloom as beautiful as our gardens.

Vivian Denton and Lori Hurd



*CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE IN THE WORKS!!*

**“WOW” (Winn’s on Wednesday’s) is coming soon!!!  
Starting Wednesday June 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Do you have a hobby, gift, or talent you would like to share with kid’s grades 1-7<sup>th</sup>? How about spending one hour each for three consecutive Wednesday nights this summer in “WOW”? It can be anything – things like sports, art, music, cooking, crafting—kids love it all. Don’t miss this chance to have lots of fun sharing the gifts God has given you with the next generation.**

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**CHECK OUT SOME OF THE WOW FUN FROM LAST YEAR!**





**TERRIFIC TUESDAY DATES ARE HERE!!**

**JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**REWARD DAY AUGUST 23rd**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD COMPLETING 1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR THE INFORMATION BOOKLETS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.**



Good Morning Church Family!

Last month I wrote a very candid warning/evaluation of world affairs and got a couple of messages on how people “missed seeing a hope component.” It wasn’t until I got the 2<sup>nd</sup> note that I realized that the last portion of my original article was omitted accidentally. It was just a copy and paste issue and it’s fixed now. If you want to re-read it on the website: [www.winnsbc.org](http://www.winnsbc.org). I felt compelled to include the final paragraph from my last article at the beginning of this month’s article because it is vital to understanding the point that I was trying to make last month:

“I know this is some heavy stuff, but DO NOT FEAR. Prepare as best you can. Stay in the Word daily. Pray and depend on God. Witness to others for Jesus. And remain faithful through whatever comes our way. Remember this world is not our home. God is in control, and He is very good. Never forget that.”

I conclude all my articles with “Grace & Peace, Pastor Doug,” so if you don’t see that then you’re not to the end of the article yet 😊. I usually try to weave a message of hope throughout my articles, but this last month it was only at the end, because I had added portions throughout the month that I wanted to share and so it wasn’t all written at one time like it usually is. I strive to be open and honest with you with what I see coming. I study and research geopolitical things like this so that I can make the best decisions for my own family and so I can always prepare you as best as possible to encounter whatever may emerge that could cause others to panic or despair. When you are properly informed, emergencies get relegated to mere inconveniences instead of crises. As always, our faith has to be in the Lord fully. People are the answer. Politics are not the ultimate answer. Yes, we should care and be engaged with our world, but it’s only through the Lord Jesus Christ that true peace, prosperity, and lasting change can happen.

I am going to continue to help you prepare for the future and for the present. Like a watchman on the wall, I will give you a heads up when I think it would be beneficial for you. Can’t stress this enough: DON NOT FEAR, BUT TRUST GOD – ALWAYS.

Now to the monthly point of consideration: **Let me ask you what you are doing to help keep the cost of food down at your house?** The prices of things are rising and will continue to do so for a while yet. That leaves us all with less discretionary income. There are some things that you can do to lessen the impact of rising prices for you and your family, without going hungry or threatening your balanced nutrition and health. You could get a part-time job one day a week. That’s something that I did recently. You need to live on a budget to know where your money is going and also to ensure that you don’t waste any. Make a Food plan. Plan your meals and make a grocery list just for those ingredients. Don’t go to the store without a list or while you’re hungry! Don’t eat after dinner. You’ll save money and your waistline will thank you. I stopped doing that in January and added 30 minutes on the treadmill and 15 to 20 minutes of lifting weights on rotation 5 days a week and lost several pounds. And I feel better!

This is what our family is doing to help alleviate the raising prices: We stick to \$300 a week for a family of 7, we buy less snacks and juice. One night a week we go meatless (like cereal). For meals that are with meat, we reduced from a pound and half to 1 pound on those. We stopped having meat at a main dish and instead put it in a main dish, like lasagna or chicken alfredo, instead of grilling chicken. You can find large packs of white meat chicken breasts in an “off brand” at Kroger and trim it yourself and cut it into smaller pieces yourself and it is still very affordable! We don’t eat out much as a family. A family our size can’t really do that easily or affordably. (with the labor shortage you end up waiting an hour and half to be seated). Men, it is still important to have date night with your wife, just be

reasonable with it - we usually spend \$30 including tip. I know that's lower than normal, but it allows us to do it more often and have time just to ourselves. Other than that, we eat pretty much the same. No one is missing out or going hungry. We do try to eat leftovers now too. (we didn't do much of that before) The important thing is to plan your meals and stay on budget and trust in the Lord!

I'll close with this: Cut extras from your budget, especially debt. And be sure to remain faithful to giving to the Lord. I want to encourage you to not stop giving to the Lord because times are tough. God has a way of making up for it when you give as I have seen recently play out in my own life. I want to share some Scripture on giving that I taught to our Youth recently:

### **1 Corinthians 16:2 NKJV**

(2) On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

### **Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV**

(9) **Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;** (10) So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

### **Malachi 3:10 NKJV**

(10) Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, **And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.***

### **2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJV**

(7) So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver.**

### **Luke 6:38 NKJV**

(38) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

### **Philippians 4:19 NKJV**

(19) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

God will take care of you as you faithfully obey and follow Him!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug

## A year in the Music Ministry Looking back on 2021-2022

Well, it's Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and I'm writing my newsletter article for our May Newsletter☺ We just finished presenting our musical, "Is He Worthy" for Easter Sunday and I must admit it was one of the best told stories we've ever presented through song!! The musical was actually planned for Easter 2020, but two weeks before our presentation Covid hit and, well, you know the rest of THAT story! God's timing is everything and is always perfect! I'd like to thank all who participated and attended the 9:30 and 11:00 Easter service! Our goal was to honor our Lord and Savior and to be a blessing to those who came out.....by God's grace, I believe we accomplished both!!

The Music Ministry has had a wonderful 2021-2022 year!! Our Little Lambs Children's Choir, Masterpiece Kid's Choir and Set Apart Student Worship Team will be finishing up their year in just a few weeks! Children's choirs will start back on Sunday evening, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and Set Apart Student Worship Team will kick off on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Our Christmas musical rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

The pictures below "high light" some of our special times in the Music Ministry.....enjoy!!











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