

Winns' Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

When asked what they want for their children, parents commonly reply that they just want them to be happy. When the year changes over, we often wish others a Happy New Year!

As Christians, we know that happiness is not a result that we can pursue and achieve, but rather a by product of living a life in Christ that is centered on His word. We won't always feel "ha-ha" happy, but happiness will often spring from a deep sense of satisfaction coupled with 24/7 gratitude. When we try to mingle obedience to God with doing things our own way, the problems that come from the latter will taint any happiness that comes from the former. However, when we do it all His way, then we are free to find happiness in all of the simple blessings that a day might bring, a hug from a child, the song of a bird, or the beauty of a sunset. When we are abiding in Him, we remain confident that even those which come against us, hurts us, or tries to distract us, can be placed in His good hands. Though we may need a little time to work our way through some bad news in the end, we know that God is still in heaven, and He is bigger and stronger than anything that would keep us down.

So, I join many others in wishing you a Happy New Year, but you and I both know that actually having one depends on abiding in Him and centering our loves on His word.

Happy in Jesus,
Pastor Jeff



It may be cold out now but summer will be here before we know it.

There will be a brief informational meeting on January 18, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall, following services, for those interested in children's camp. Attending the meeting is not a commitment.

Our camp dates are June 15-19, 2026

This camp is for completed 3rd - 6th grade students.



Good morning, Church Family,

We have had a very eventful December so far and Christmas is just around the corner. The Youth retreat went very well, we had 20+ people attend and wouldn't you know that it was decided to snow the day we went! That was beautiful but unexpected. While it did make the event different it didn't hinder us from having a great time. There may have been even a few snow fights along the way. We also had our annual Christmas Party (see included pics).

We just had a great Christmas program on December 14th! Donna and her team were used by God to sing His praises and to bring Him glory. I appreciate all our musically talented people that make that happen. It was a joy to see.



We had our Youth Christmas Party on December 10th, and it is always a hit. The cool thing is several of our students' brought friends from school and I heard that they enjoyed it so much that they want to come back in January when we start back on the 7th! It always makes me happy to see my students' bringing friends. We want as many people as possible to be in Heaven and in Youth we definitely preach the Word in such a way that people discover their need for Jesus' eternal salvation.

Loving Those Who Will Change the World

Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair

Last month, former missionary Mark Stevens shared a powerful message on the sacrifices required to go into all the world to fulfill the Great Commission. The accompanying Scripture passage, John 13:34–35, reminded us that sacrificial love is the mark of a true disciple of Christ.

This year, we are embarking on a new and exciting partnership to encourage and support missionaries in training at the International Learning Center (ILC). These brothers and sisters in Christ are leaving their homes, jobs, and communities to answer God's call to take the gospel to every nation, tribe, people, and language.

While we will have limited opportunities to interact directly with the students during the seven-week Field Personnel Orientation (FPO) class, we can still minister to them in meaningful ways as they begin their journey. Please consider supporting this effort by committing to pray for FPO participants throughout their training and as they deploy to the field, and by participating as you are led in the following activities planned for the first three months of 2026:

January 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Bag Packing Party

Join us during the women's Bible study block to pack welcome bags for FPO participants. Everyone is invited to take part in this group activity and to bring or write a personal note of encouragement. Cards and sample letters will be provided and are also available at the missions table in the foyer.

January 24 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Walk and ILC Campus Tour

Participants will cover the ILC campus in prayer and place a welcome bag at each apartment door. (Sign up at the missions table by **January 18.**)

January 30 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Homemade Treat Delivery

Help provide homemade treats for Mark and Barbara Stevens to share during quad visits, where they will personally connect with FPO participants and learn more about their call to the nations. We will also provide approximately 400 individually wrapped candies for Women's Chats – a time of fellowship, laughter, and prayer.

February 22 | 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Cultural Worship Experience at the ILC

The Winn's family is invited to join the FPO class for this immersive worship experience designed to help foster realistic expectations about life overseas.

March 12 | 12:00–4:30 p.m.

Commissioning Service and Lunch with the Missionaries

This closing event will serve as a powerful send-off for participants deploying to the field for His glory. You won't want to miss what will be a moving celebration of all that God has done during FPO!

If you would like to learn more about how you can be involved in ministering to these faithful servants, please feel free to contact me at barbarabbowen@gmail.com or reach out to any member of the Missions Committee.

**“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few;
therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into
His harvest. – Luke 10:2**



Name: _____

Date: _____

Books of the Bible

J E R E M I A H X E D O B A D I A H M W Q R I R
G Y E K U L V O X F S T C A T I F Z H A G G A I
V E S T H E R O S N A I P P I L I H P T D D T Z
O M B L H C D E Z E K I E L L F H P Y B F H F C
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B O J U E A N H G A L A T I A N S O N N S E S L
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Q S Y H U O M S B R E V O R P F F E U Z X O E T
U Y S C M S X U L E V I T I C U S A I K J L A H
W O D I R Y P E N I N W C H T A U K I N G S J V
J A T S O N G O F S O L O M O N F U B U L N P A
S R L I B W J T U H A B U K K U K O R O M A N S

thessalonians
Deuteronomy
zechariah
timothy
Genesis
esther
micah
luke
job

songofsolomon
colossians
Leviticus
matthew
romans
Samuel
jonah
mark

lamentations
chronicles
habukkuk
malachi
haggai
Judges
hosea
amos

ecclesiastes
ephesians
jeremiah
obadiah
daniel
Joshua
kings
joel

philippians
galatians
proverbs
ezekiel
isaiah
Exodus
acts
ezra

corinthians
zechariah
nehemiah
Numbers
psalms
nahum
john
Ruth

Name: _____

Date: _____

Names of Jesus

D C P R I N C E O F P E A C E L Z
R L T S Z U U O F J L M C I K I S
E O L O D Q M F J R O M W E I O S
H R K N M M M Y E D R X G F N N E
P D V O V F W M B R D C Q I G O N
E O Z F W L E I K O O X P L O F S
H F F T O E J C X L F P N F F J U
S A Y H D U V H Z E L C M O K U O
D L S E D N K R U L O S E D I D E
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Son of the Most High
Lord of Lords
Good Shepherd
Lamb of God
Redeemer
Christ

Our Righteousness
Bread of Life
King of Kings
Son of God
Immanuel
Savior

Prince of Peace
Lion of Judah
Lord of All
Holy Child
Messiah
Lord

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Christmas Holiday Schedule

At different times some of the staff will also be taking additional time off.
Please feel free to call anyone on staff on their home or cell phone.
The main church voice mail will be checked daily for any messages.
Even at limited office hours, we are always available to you.

December 24th, and 31st, no regular Wednesday evening activities.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm
Wednesday Evening Activities return Wednesday, January 7th

