

# *Winns' Messenger*

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Dear Church Family,

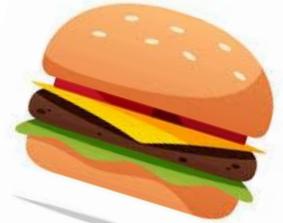
As nature changes seasons, and as we continue with the changing seasons of life, let me encourage you to never take for granted the less notable events and interactions of our lives. Certainly, we put a lot of thought, prayer, and effort into events and interactions that are designed to be big events, like a test for some board's certification, or a job interview. Who we marry is a huge factor in our lives. That decision is surely worth a lot of prayer and consideration. But what about how we meet that person? It can hinge on, what seems at the time, to be fairly inconsequential choices.

That was certainly true in my life. I never would have met the wonderful woman that became my wife if my brother and I hadn't gone to see a rodeo in Jacksonville one night. There we ran into a gal who used to attend our church with a guy she was dating at the time. We wouldn't have had a connection with her if we hadn't been attending church regularly. She eventually introduced us to Cyndy's sister, which led to me meeting Cyndy. Nothing earth shattering or spectacular in that sequence of events, and yet together, they led me to the person who would become my partner in life and the mother of my children.

Seemingly inconsequential events, actions, and conversations can lead to finding a life-long friend, a soul to win to Christ, your dream job, or even finding a disease that would have otherwise been overlooked until it was too late. It is so important that we take nothing for granted and see nothing as mundane. We should pray regularly that God will order our steps, and that we might make good decisions based on Biblical principle and that are led by God's Holy Spirit.

We have no way of knowing what each day holds. But we do know the One that holds each day. Let's walk closely to Him, so that we might be in the right place, at the right time, with the right mind-set, as God turns the mundane into the meaningful!

Following His path,  
Pastor Jeff



**SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**11AM – 5PM**  
**AT THE PAVILION**  
**HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS PROVIDED**  
**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE**  
**FAMILY FUN**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**DUNK TANK**  
**PIE BAKING CONTEST**



*Pie Baking Contest*



## Missions Spotlight: Supporting the Great Pursuit at Home and Abroad

*Barbara Bowen, Missions Committee Chair*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15)*

Last month, we witnessed the power of your prayers and generosity in action as we stepped into the stories of several home missionaries working in unreached areas of North America. Each ministry is unique, yet all are bound by the common threads of compassion and connection made possible because you gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

While we've wrapped up this year's campaign, the work is far from done. Each of us can play a vital role in ensuring that more names are written in the Book of Life. The missionaries we highlighted modeled a strategy we can embrace here at home by meeting local and global needs.

The Winn's family is already working to bless others through ongoing ministries like the church garden and facility improvements that prepared us to minister to others in emergency situations. The call to share God's love with those who are hurting also led us to explore opportunities to partner with Samaritan's Purse on disaster relief in nearby North Carolina. Many of you have already expressed interest in this mission trip to help repair and rebuild storm damaged homes.

Looking ahead, we're excited to build upon this two-pronged approach of "going and giving" through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support international missions. We are well positioned to offer housing for missionaries on furlough, and your Missions Committee is exploring a new partnership with the IMB's International Learning Center in Hanover to better equip us to faithfully intercede for unreached and unengaged people groups.

We're also inspired to dream together. Got a vision for Winn's missions? We'd love to hear it. Feel free to reach out to me at [barbarabowen2@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabowen2@gmail.com) to share your ideas on how we can further God's Kingdom together.

The sign in our parking lot is an ever-present reminder that "*You are now entering the mission field.*" Every day, in every interaction, we have the opportunity to be part of "the great pursuit" to fulfill the Great Commission. Let's see how God will use us next!





## Celebrating Jesus' victory over death!

Starting on Palm Sunday the Elementary students began a journey through Holy Week. We met in the "upper room" to sample foods that Jesus and his disciples would have enjoyed for Passover. Then we dove into scripture with the help of our wonderful teachers, we looked at what Jesus and his disciples were doing the week leading up to his crucifixion. We returned to the "upper room" on Resurrection Sunday to CELEBRATE and continue our study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THE BEST!!



Good morning, Church Family:

We are getting really close to graduation time! Our seniors have put in 13 years of studying and we have 10+ that will be graduating in the next month or so. I want to make sure that we have a complete list of graduating seniors from both High School and College. If you know of anyone that is graduating, please let me know as soon as possible.

We will be having of senior slide show and graduate recognition on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the very beginning of the 9:30 service. Then, after Sunday School at noon, we will host a graduate ceremony and lunch for our graduates and their immediate families in the Fellowship Hall. I need 5 digital pictures of each graduate from birth until graduation picture emailed to [Darnold@winnsbc.org](mailto:Darnold@winnsbc.org) by Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> along with any honors, awards received, name of the school that they are graduating from, plus future plans after graduation such as school and area of study, internships, etc. I also will need an RSVP for the graduate luncheon by May 4<sup>th</sup> as well.

I am honored to be a part of teaching and leading your students to love and follow Jesus, Thank you! And I want to thank the parents and grandparents that have brought our students to Winns and lived out a godly example in front of our students – May God bless you for your faithfulness!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Doug

Class of  
2025!



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

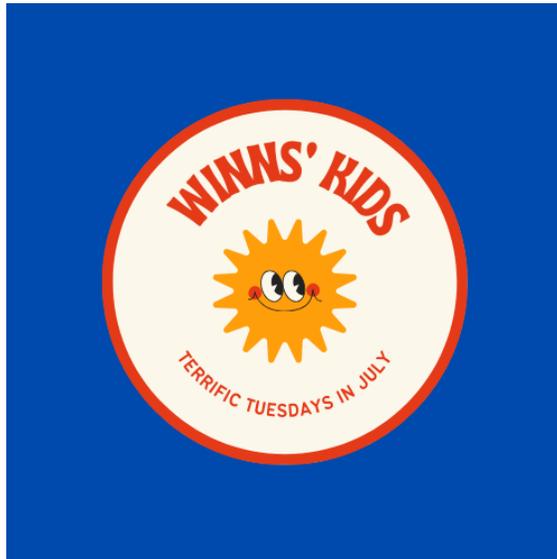
**“WOW” (Winn’s on Wednesday’s) is coming soon!!!  
Starting Wednesday June 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Rising 1st - 5th grade students meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time of devotion, crafts, and play!**

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



**CONTACT MRS. DANA – [dosborne@winnsbc.org](mailto:dosborne@winnsbc.org) or 804-347-5229 with any questions.**



**TERRIFIC TUESDAY DATES ARE HERE!!**

**JULY 1st  
JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 22nd  
  
JULY 29TH**

**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.**



Dear Church Family

What a great time of worship it has been with the student choirs this season! Palm Sunday marked the end of the choir season for Little Lambs, Masterpiece Kids, and Set Apart Student Worship team. A HUGE thank you to all the choir leaders that made it possible! The Biblical truths that the students sing are being imprinted on their hearts and minds.

The Little Lambs shared “He Lives” in the morning service and "He's So Great/Happiness is the Lord's" in the evening service. It's always a joy to hear those sweet little voices. As I have said before, they are generally less inhibited in worship than adults and their worship comes out so genuine.

The Masterpiece Kids shared “Worthy of it All/We Believe” in the morning service and again shared “We Believe” in the evening service. They sang “We Believe” with such gusto that you know.. they do believe. After 20 years of working with the Masterpiece Kids, this season was Mrs. Ellen Atkins' last season as their leader. My own children came through Masterpiece Kids under her loving leadership. Thank you, Mrs. Ellen, for impacting so many of our young people over the years!

Set Apart Student worship team shared their yearend special, “Awesome God” in the evening service. I know our awesome God was pleased with the beautiful testament in song that Set Apart offered. Three of our Set Apart team are graduating this year. Noah Mosier participated in Set Apart, and Corey and Hailey Brauer participated in Little Lambs, Masterpiece Kids and Set Apart. All three will receive a scholarship from our Ellen Masters scholarship fund. This fund was set up in honor of one of our first Set Apart members, Ellen Masters, who was sadly taken from us too soon. Noah, Corey, Hailey: well, done. May God set you apart to walk on His path all your days. I can still hear little Corey in my mind singing one of his first Little Lambs songs “Give me Earl (Oil) in My Lamp, Keep me Burnin'” I pray that your oil never runs dry, and you keep burning for Jesus until He returns or calls you home.

Worshiping with you,  
Caleb Brauer

# Why VBS?

If you ask most adults if they have heard of Vacation Bible School, they would say yes. Studies show that 6 out of 10 American adults have attended VBS and 9 out of 10 have positive memories of VBS. But here is the best part, 69% of American parents **will** encourage their child to participate in a VBS event at a church they don't attend if **invited** by one of their friends. Yes Please!

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN OUR VBS TEAM TODAY!

SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH WELCOME CENTER OR CONTACT  
DANA OSBORNE AT [dosborne@winnsbc.org](mailto:dosborne@winnsbc.org)  
or (804)347-5229



AUGUST 4TH - 8TH  
6:30PM - 8:30 PM

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD AT 6:30PM**

# Memorial Day

## Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

AMERICAN  
ANTHEM  
CEMETERY  
CEREMONY  
COMMEMORATE  
DECORATION  
FALLEN  
FLAGS  
FLOWERS  
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HALF MAST

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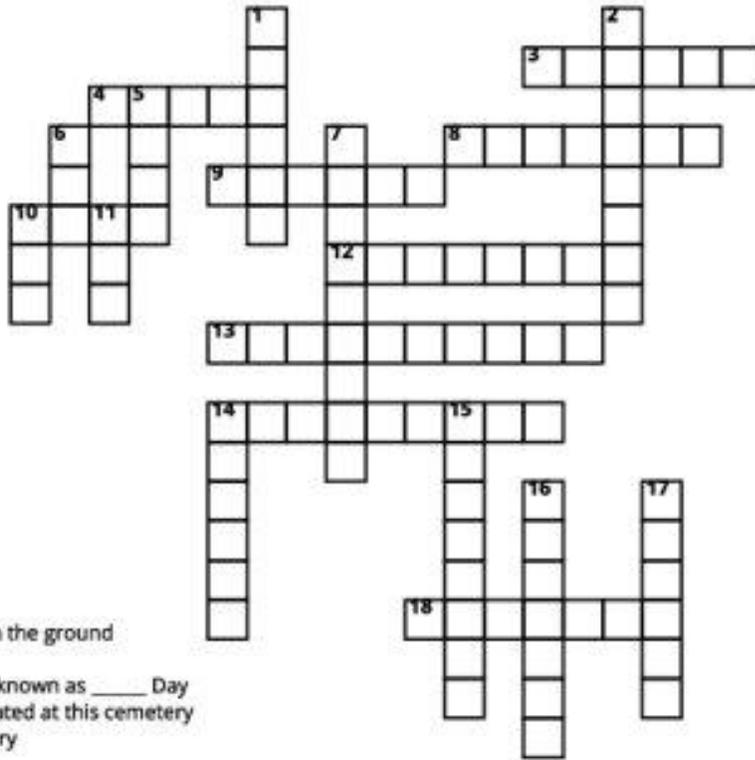
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WAR

# MEMORIAL DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



## Across

- [3] Ring of flowers
- [4] Army of the North
- [8] Often placed on graves
- [9] People march in this
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- [12] The opposite of forget
- [13] Memorial Day was originally known as \_\_\_\_ Day
- [14] Memorial Day is commemorated at this cemetery
- [18] One who has served in military

## Down

- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- [2] A place with many graves
- [5] Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the \_\_\_\_\_
- [6] The opposite of peace
- [7] Inspired by love of country
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the \_\_\_\_ Force
- [11] Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- [14] The National \_\_\_\_ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- [15] Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- [16] Freedom from bondage or restraint
- [17] A meal eaten outside



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**For the month of May, we will be collecting Plastic Cups.  
Plastic Cups can be placed in the bin at the "Welcome Center."**