



WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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MARCH/APRIL 2024

It has been a rough couple of months for our church family. We've had many people fighting various illnesses, along with a number of folks passing away. To make it harder, some of the folks that death has taken from us were so young. At times like this, it can be tough to know what to say, or how to pray. But we can be comforted by Paul's words in Romans 8:26,

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

When we don't know what to say, we need to rely on Him. On Wednesday Nights, we've been doing short liturgies based on Douglas Mckelvey's book series, *Every Moment Holy*. One of his new books is a series on *Death, Grief, and Hope*. After the introduction, the author offers this invocation:

O Spirit of the Living God, who raises your people from death to life,

The comforting of your children in their hard journeys through the valley of the shadow is, from beginning to end, Your work, not mine.

I am neither wise enough, nor compassionate enough, nor tempered enough by present griefs, to form prayers adequate to serve these your people in the face of an enemy so formidable as death.

I am wholly unfit to enter the holy sufferings of others, to give guidance or true comfort, to speak words of consolation that would name the wounds of dying and grieving hearts, or wrap them in compassionate embrace, or remind them that there remains a firm, eternal hope which will outgrow and outlast death itself.

If this is not Your work, then I would not have it be

mine. For I would not bid the grieving hang their sorrows or their hopes on any words that cannot bear their weight.

So then, take this meager measure of anything I might give, O God, and bless it for the benefit of Your people. Breath Spirit and Life into these flawed forms. Let my insufficiencies be met by the multiplying power of Your grace.

I know I will encounter discouragement in this labor. I know I will often experience the creative process as an impossible struggle against self and darkness.

Even so, be at work in and through me, O Lord. I will sometimes falter, lose heart, abandon course, and be tempted to turn to diversions and old comforts that cannot sustain.

Even so, be at work in and through me, O Lord. On my best days I might be too confident in my own abilities to recognize the depth of my need, but more often I will be too empty, too spent, too crippled by my brokenness to believe I have anything to give.

Even so, O Lord, be at work in and through me. In the end, this is my sole means of stewardship: to repeatedly ply the imperfect talents with which You have entrusted me, daily offering to You my poverty, begging You to fill the hollow forms of my offerings.

O Holy Spirit, meet, fill, and quicken now, these insufficient gifts. Inspire prayers that would shepherd and comfort Your people – even in their dyings, even in their griefs – voicing their mortal laments and their eternal hopes, gently turning their gaze to the promise of a coming resurrection, to the hope of a world remade, and to the splendor of the King who soon returns to redeem all sorrows.



COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

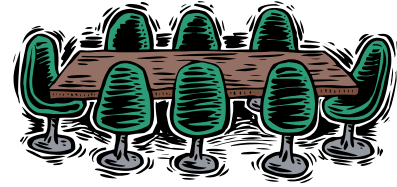
AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR JIM WILL BE PREACHING
THERE WILL BE BREAKFAST AFTERWARDS
SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST AT 7AM



EASTER CANTATA

WINN'S CREEK WILL BE HAVING IT'S EASTER
CANTATA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST DURING
THE 11AM SERVICE.

THE CANTATA IS CALLED, "THEN CAME THE
MORNING". IT WAS CREATED AND
ARRANGED BY THE TALENTED AND DOVE
AWARD WINNING SUE SMITH AND RUSSELL
MAULDIN. THIS POWERFUL CANTATA
CELEBRATES THE HOPE THAT WAS
BROUGHT TO US AS JESUS ROSE TO LIFE
THAT GLORIOUS EASTER MORNING.
WHATEVER THE NEED, WHATEVER THE
HEARTACHE, JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO
CAN TOUCH AND CHANGE A LIFE
COMPLETELY. AND ONCE WE'RE CHANGED,
WE'LL WANT TO JOIN AND SING OF HIS
MERCIES AND LOVE FOREVER. AMEN!



DEACON & DEACON WIVES MEETING
OUR NEXT DEACON & DEACON WIVES
MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, AT
7PM. (MEN AT CHURCH/WOMEN AT
PARSONAGE). WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Winn's
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Spring
Revival

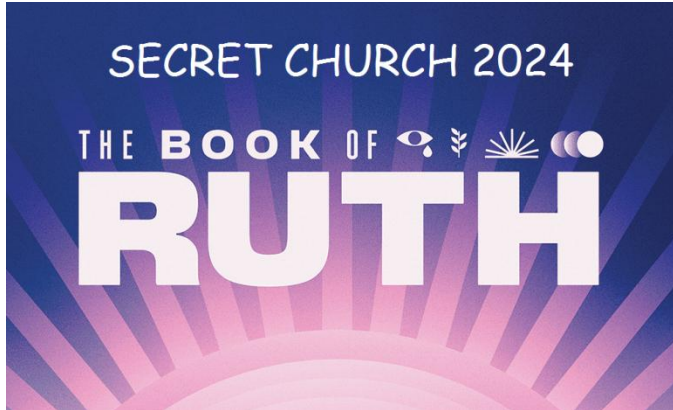
SUN. APRIL 7 - TUES. APRIL 9TH

- Sunday Service at 11AM with fellowship meal after
- Monday & Tuesday services at 7PM
- Guest Speaker Tim Williamson, lead pastor at Faith Alliance Church in Durham, NC since 2008
- Special Music Each Night

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DRBA SENIOR REVIVAL

11AM AT 1ST BAPTIST SOUTH BOSTON
SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED
SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE PREACHER BOYS
LUNCH AFTERWARDS
PREREGISTER BY LETTING PASTOR JIM
KNOW YOU ARE COMING



SECRET CHURCH 2024: RUTH
 WINN'S CREEK IS TAKING PART
 IN A LIVE STREAMED EVENT
 ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
FROM 7PM TO 1AM

DURING THIS 6 HOUR DEEP DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE, PASTOR DAVID PLATT WILL TEACH ON THE BOOK OF RUTH AND THE RELEVANCE THIS HAS FOR US TODAY. SECRET CHURCH SERVES TO FURTHER CHALLENGE VIEWERS IN THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND ENCOURAGES EVANGELISM BEYOND THE CHURCH. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE PARSONAGE UNLESS WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REGISTER, AND THEN IT WILL BE MOVED TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. IF YOU PLAN ON COMING, PLEASE SIGN THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
 WINN'S CREEK IS CURRENTLY DOING
 A SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BY
 LIFEWAY CALLED, "CHARACTERS"
 ON THE FAMOUS CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE.
 THIS STUDY TAKES PLACE AT 6PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

LITURGIES OF THE MOMENT
A WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES
 WINN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
 IS CURRENTLY DOING A SHORT
 30 MINUTE WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 LITURGICAL READING BASED ON
 MOMENTS IN LIFE FOLLOWED
 BY A TIME OF PRAYER.
 THESE SERVICES TAKE PLACE
 IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY
 ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
AT 7PM.



OFFERING
 WINN'S CREEK WILL BE SWITCHING BACK TO
 PASSING THE PLATES STARTING SUN.
 MARCH 3RD. WE WILL STILL HAVE THE
 OUTSIDE OFFERING BUCKET AS WELL.

GREETERS

MARCH 3 STOVER OWEN
 MARCH 10 PHYLISS DAWSON
 MARCH 17 RICKY LOFTIS
 MARCH 24 CRYSTAL BLANKS
 MARCH 31 JOAN BOATWELL
 APRIL 7 STOVER OWEN
 APRIL 14 PHYLISS DAWSON
 APRIL 21 RICKY LOFTIS
 APRIL 28 CRYSTAL BLANKS



MARCH
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Richard Epps – B
Phil Saunders – B
- 6th James & Debra Stewart – A
- 9th Afton Ledyard – B
Debra Stewart – B
Shirley Duffey – B
- 15th Pam Paynter – B
- 16th Jimmy Landrum – B
- 18th Patricia Martin – B
- 19th Jennifer Dixon – B
- 20th Frank Moorefield – B
- 23rd Helen Barksdale – B
- 24th Cecilie Elliott – B
- 25th Zoe Talley – B
- 26th Jacob Fears – B
Trudy Epps – B
- 27th Calvin Smith – B
- 29th Wally Cole – B
- 30th Anthony Turner – B
Hannah Grace Lloyd – B
- 31st James Henderson – B



APRIL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd Sarah Lloyd – B
- 4th Tony Turner – B
- 7th Eddie D. Martin, Jr. – B
- 8th Wanda Saunders – B
- 9th Kelly Henderson – B
- 11th Ann B. Fears – B
Pat Spencer – B
- 13th Jason Dickerson – B
- 15th George & Billie Jean Baylous – A
Mitzi Gunn – B
- 17th Brenda Ashby – B
- 18th David Shiner – B
Eddie D. Martin – B
- 19th Jonathan Hudson – B
- 20th Darryl Dawson – B
Joshua Cook – B
- 24th Betty Dickerson – B
Michelle Epps – B
David & Michelle Epps – A
- 25th Owen Satterfield – B
- 26th Eddie & Patricia Martin – B
- 27th Samantha M. Rather – B
- 28th Bill & Kathleen Murphy – A

*Please inform Pastor Jim of additions/corrections
To the birthday list. He is forgetful. Thanks!*